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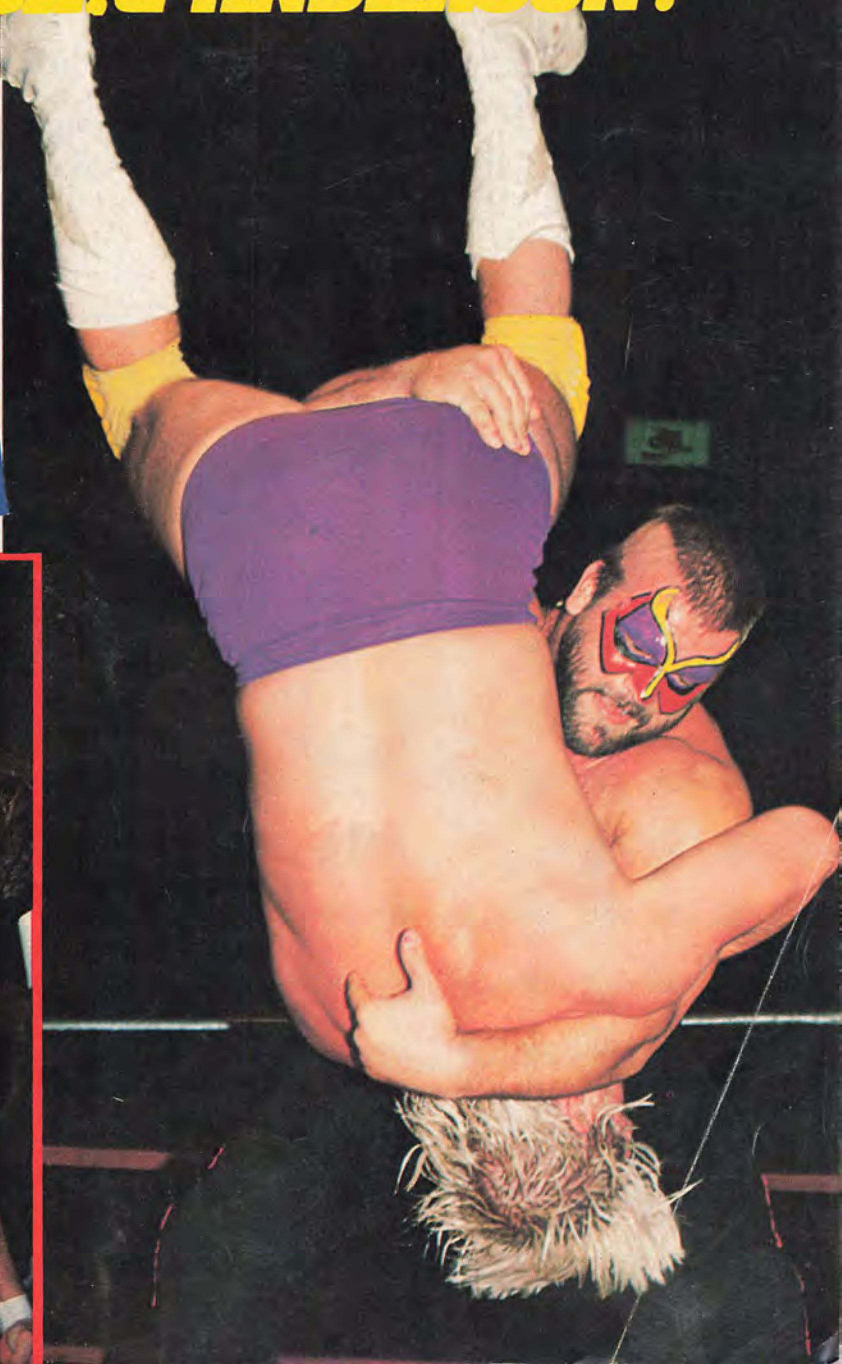

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A month ago, we were promised that Billy Jack was coming to the WWF. That promise has apparently been broken, and scheduled appearances in Toronto, Hamilton, and Buffalo, New York have been canceled. No explanations, no apologies, nothing!

Now, together with the above-mentioned article, it's stated that Billy Jack moved back to the Pacific Northwest, recapturing his PNW heavyweight title. Now while I'm sure the fans there are happy to have him back, what of his Florida following, not to mention those in the WWF territories (myself included) who were cheated out of seeing Billy Jack here?

Since there's at least a month's delay between events and when your magazine reports those events, it'll probably be months before we get the whole story. But I'm hoping to hear the whole story soon!

MARK CARTER
Welland, Ontario

[Editor's Note: Unfortunately, the necessities of the magazine publishing industry force us to experience a time lag between when events happen and when the magazines covering those events reach the newsstands. Billy Jack's departure from the WWF so shortly after his arrival there occurred only days after we went to press with the February 1985 issue of The Wrestler. *The reasons behind Billy Jack's actions were discussed in*

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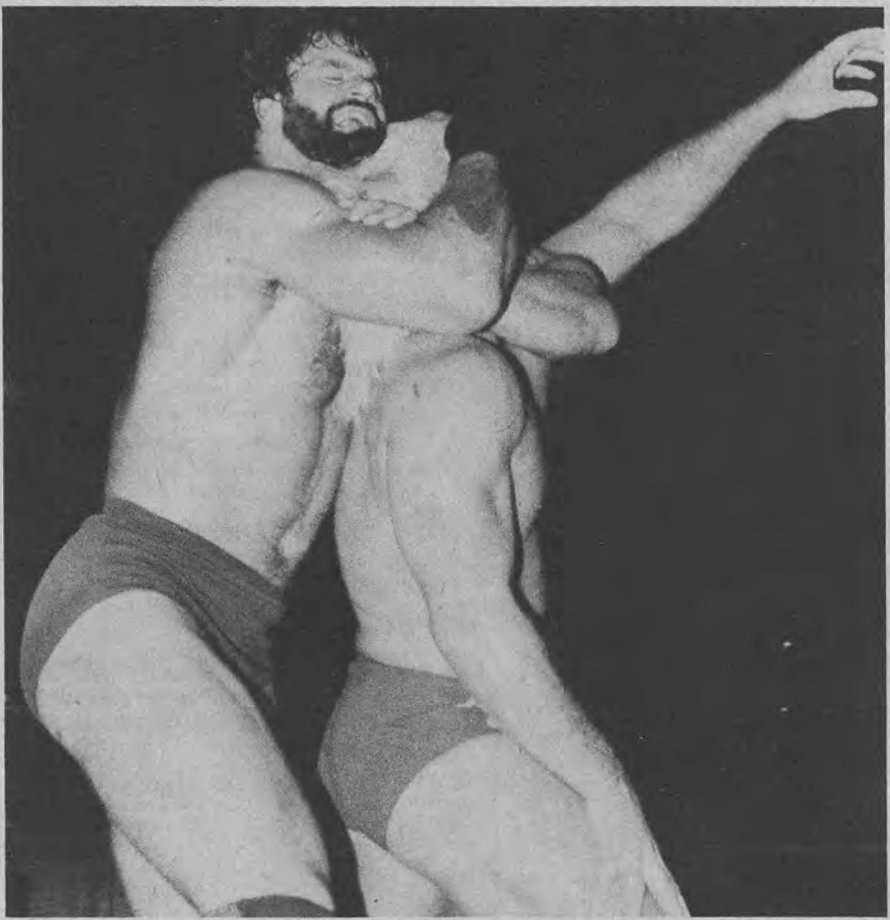

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By BILL APTER

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"Man, this is fantastic," Armstrong said as he displayed the belt in a postmatch press conference, "I think I'm the youngest guy ever to hold the title! And man, am I psyched for this one! I feel great! Let the challengers line up, I'm ready, I'm ready to take on anyone and everyone. And Ernie Ladd, if you want a rematch, brother, you've got it!"

Brad Armstrong welcomes any and all challenges to his newly won North American heavyweight championship.

The victory came just a few weeks after Armstrong and **Tim Horner** had to give up the National tag team belts due to their inability to defend that championship against **The Hollywood Blonds**. (Horner had been injured in an earlier match.)

Speaking of the North American heavyweight title, former champion **Magnum T.A.** has made the move to the Mid-Atlantic area and has set his sights on U.S. heavyweight champion **Wahoo McDaniel**. "I've idolized Wahoo for years," T.A. said, "and it's hurt me a lot to see how he's changed these past few months. He's hurt a lot of friends of mine, he's let the fans down, and he's tarnished the U.S. title. I want Wahoo, I want the belt, and I want to bring respect back to the U.S. title. The Mid-Atlantic fans deserve better than what Wahoo is giving them."

Jim Cornette has brought **The Midnight Express—Dennis Condrey** and **Bobby Eaton**—to Texas in search of a title shot against World Class tag team champions **The Fantastics—Bobby Fulton** and **Tommy Rogers**. "This should be an open and shut case of 'we want

Jim Cornette feels that his Midnight Express—Dennis Condrey (left) and Bobby Eaton—will soon be number one in Texas.

the belts, and we're taking them,'" Cornette said. "The Express has wrestled these egotistical pretty boys enough to know what to expect: victory with ease. First we take on Fulton and Rog-

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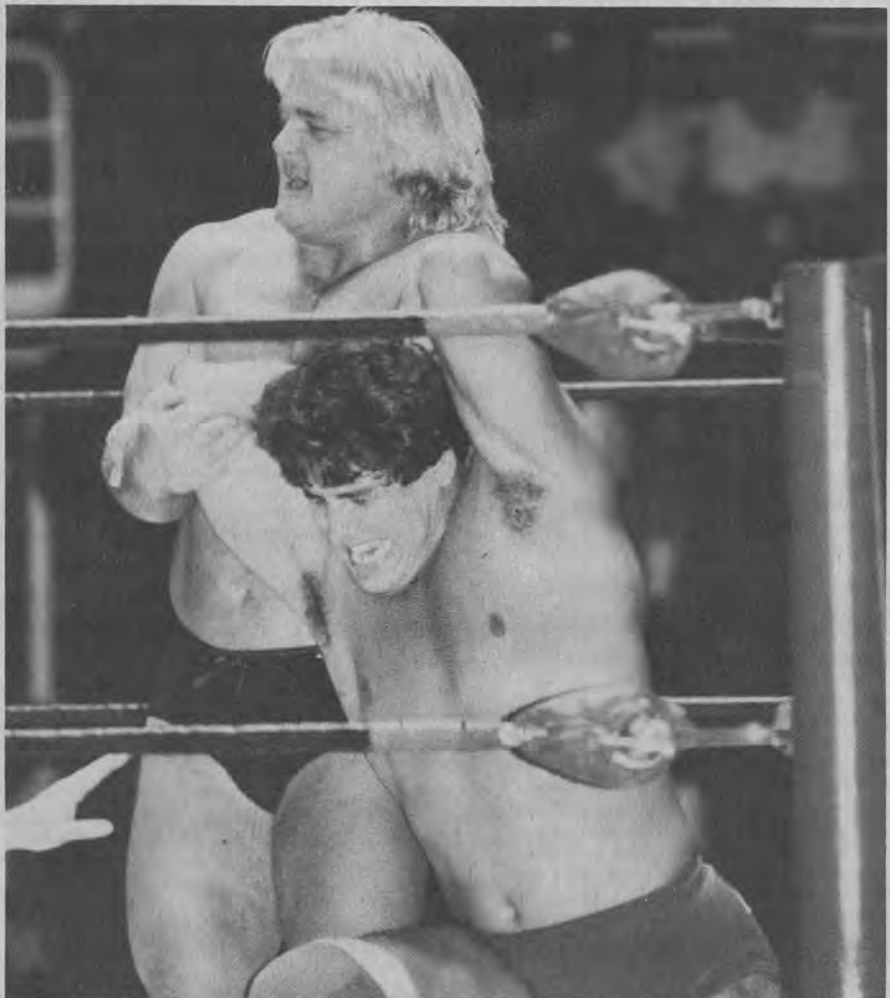
Providence, RI *(Correspondent:* Jon Vankin)—Fans at the Providence Civic Center got a chance to see a battle between two tag teams that don't usually team together. Tito Santana joined forces with recent WWF returnee Tony "Mr. U.S.A." Atlas. Together they defeated WWF Intercontinental champion Greg "The Hammer" Valentine and his partner, Cowboy Bob Orton.



Greg Valentine applies an armlock on Tito Santana. Valentine and Santana continued their brutal rivalry, as components of a tag team match pitting Valentine and Cowboy Bob Orton against Santana and Tony Atlas.

Before the match started, Atlas grabbed the ring announcer's microphone and led the Civic Center crowd in a chant of "You stole the belt!" obviously directed at Valentine, who had defeated Santana for the title last September.

Throughout the bout, Valentine feared having to wrestle Santana, a point that was brought out most at the outset of the match. Valentine and Santana were ready to square off as the bell rang, but when Valentine saw the former champion's eyes burning with rage, he tagged off to Orton. Santana, in turn, tagged out to Mr. U.S.A., who began the bout.

The Santana-Atlas team sailed along on a wave of momentum. Santana managed to get his licks in on the current Intercontinental champion, chasing him from the ring on a number of occasions.

After much trying, Orton and Valentine managed to get Santana into their own corner and execute a vicious double-teaming attack that wore Santana down significantly. Atlas attempted to enter the ring and help his partner, but he only served to distract the referee, a situation of which the rulebreakers took advantage. Santana got to his corner to tag Atlas, who didn't fare much better.

Valentine dropped Atlas to the canvas and was in the process of applying the figure-four leglock, while behind the referee's back Santana reached over the top rope and dropped Valentine with a hard right hand. Valentine fell, and Atlas quickly rolled him into a cradle for the victory.

In other bouts, Tonga Kid defeated Roddy Piper by disqualification . . . David Bruno Sammartino defeated Ken Patera by

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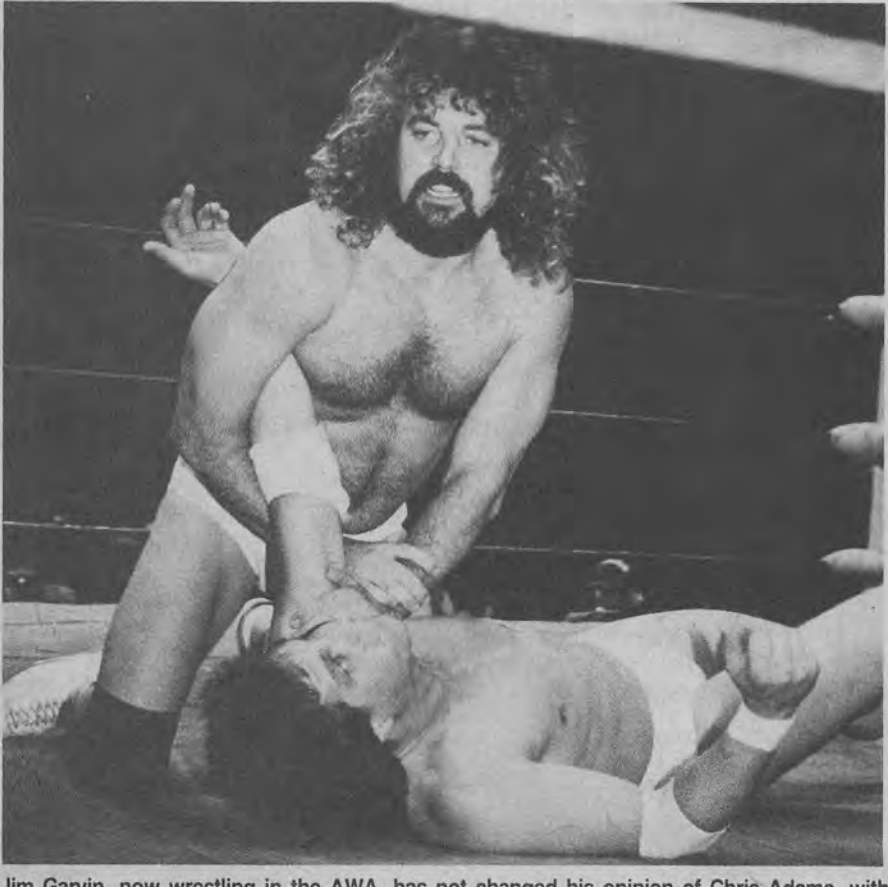
Q: "For Jim Garvin: It was such a surprise for me to find out that you're wrestling in the AWA. Have you kept up on what's been going on in the World Class area since you were run out by Chris Adams and Stella Mae? Chris is now the most hated man in wrestling. He's managed by Gary Hart and he's feuding with Kevin Von Erich. What do you think about that?"—Steven W. Carey, Ft. Worth, TX



Jim Garvin, now wrestling in the AWA, has not changed his opinion of Chris Adams, with whom he feuded while in Texas, above.

A: "First of all," Garvin said, "I wasn't run out of Texas. I left by myself. I had planned to tour the Far East and I enjoyed a great deal of success there. As far as Adams goes, I guess the little limey finally figured out that the Von Erichs were just trying to keep him down. Gary Hart is an intelligent man, and it was a good move to take him on. I still don't think too much of Adams or the Von Erichs, though. They don't come close to matching the skill, determination, and natural talent I possess."

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Q: "My question is for Ric Flair: In the January 1985 issue of *Sports Review Wrestling,* Wahoo McDaniel called you 'the most unworthy champion the NWA has ever seen.' How do you respond to that statement?"—Stephen Caruso, Columbia, MD

A: "Wahoo McDaniel is an old, jealous man, who doesn't know what he's doing or saying from one day to the next," Flair said. "For a long while, I had some hope that Wahoo would come around and come back to the right side of the fence, that he would get rid of that slimeball Tully Blanchard and apologize for all the pain he's caused the great Mid-Atlantic fans. I see now that that's not gonna happen. Wahoo is gonna keep hanging around Blanchard and he's gonna get more and more bitter every day. Hey, everybody is jealous of the champion of the world, but I don't expect to take abuse from guys like McDaniel just 'cause I managed to do something that they didn't in years of wrestling. And I won the title three different times."

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Q: "My question is for Gen. Skandor Akbar: You have one of the most devastating tag teams in wrestling with The Missing Link and Killer Khan. Would you consider putting them up against The Road War-

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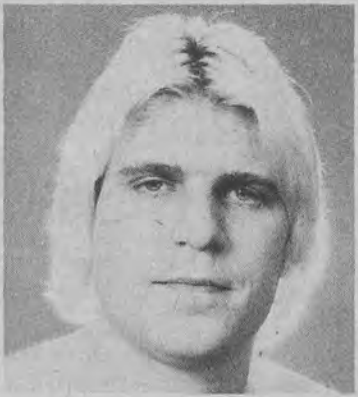
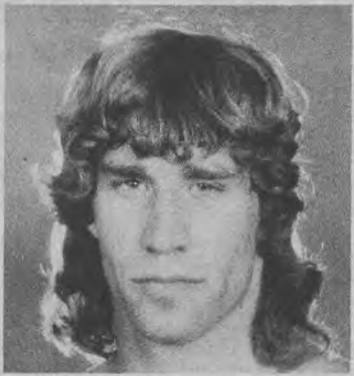
Each issue, *The Wrestler* will praise the noteworthy and damn those who violate the honor of wrestling. The praiseworthy receive a Thumbs Up, the disgraceful are marked with a Thumbs Down. Here is this month's roll of honor and shame.

Thumbs Up to Butch Reed: The former football great changed his ways for the better when Gen. Skandor Akbar returned to the Mid-South area and began to recruit members for his new army. When Reed refused to sign with Akbar, the manager had Hercules Hernandez and Steve Williams attack Reed. Hacksaw Jim Duggan came to Reed's aid carrying a 2x4, and saved Reed from a horrible beating. Reed and Duggan are now battling Akbar's new recruits. We welcome Reed back into the fold of rule-abiding wrestlers.



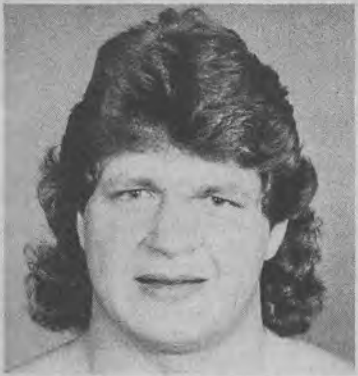
Thumbs Up to Tommy Rich: The one fault almost every wrestling expert finds with "Wildfire" Rich is that he wastes too much of his time with feuds, neglecting his goal to win another world championship. It seems as if Rich is trying to change that now. Tommy could have easily gotten involved in a number of feuds in the turbulent Mid-Southern area, but he resisted the temptation, and put an end to his feud with Eddie "Hot Stuff" Gilbert. For attempting to correct the flaws in his career, Rich should be commended.



Thumbs Up to Kerry Von Erich: With every match, former NWA World champion Von Erich improves more and more. Recently, Kerry defeated 474-pound Missouri State champion Crusher Blackwell in a non-title bout, proving that he can handle the giants of the wrestling world. Kerry is more muscular than ever and is using the added strength to full advantage. One can be assured that at 25 years of age, Kerry will get many more chances to regain the World title, and sooner or later he will succeed.

Thumbs Up to Pistol Pez Whatley: Without much attention, Whatley continues to defend the Southern heavyweight championship against all comers. Whatley is not a flashy type of wrestler. He works hard in the gym, possesses a solid knowledge of the wrestling fundamentals, and makes successful title defenses against some of the finest wrestlers in the country, including Dory Funk Jr. and Kevin Sullivan. Even if "The Pistol Man" is not in the headlines regularly, he is ranked among the top wrestlers in the sport.

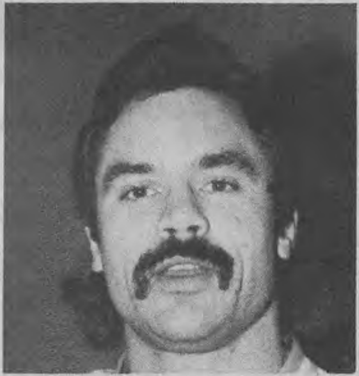
Thumbs Down



Thumbs Down to Jesse Barr: This amateur wrestling standout continues to disappoint the fans of Florida wrestling and his former coaches and instructors. Since hooking up with Dory Funk Jr. in Florida, Barr has embarrassed all who had a hand in his brilliant amateur career. His use of blatantly illegal tactics makes a mockery of the NWA rulebook. More sadly, it shows a lack of confidence in his own abilities, as a real champion wouldn't have to resort to such tactics to be successful.

Thumbs Down to Bobby Heenan: The manager who recently took over the career of Big John Studd in the WWF instructed Studd and Ken Patera to humiliate Andre the Giant in a way the Giant as never been humiliated before. On a recent televised bout, Patera and Studd double-teamed Andre and then cut his hair. Not only do we condemn Heenan for sending his men on this disgusting mission, but we pity his wrestlers, for the wrath of Andre is about to come down on them.

Thumbs Down to Gen. Skandor Akbar: The Mid-South/World Class manager has recently stepped up his plans to dominate both regions. In the World Class area, Killer Khan and The Missing Link have been decimating all competition, while Khan alone has been engaged in a feud with Freebird Terry Gordy, the most most brutal feud the World class fans have seen in years. In the Mid-South, Akbar has estabished a new army which includes Ted DiBiase, Steve Williams, and Hercules Hernandez. Akbar is using money and some of the most demented minds in wrestling for monetary gain and vicarious pleasure. We condemn his activities.



Thumbs Down to Rick Rude: For a while, it looked like Rude might become a fan favorite again. After separating with manager Jimmy Hart, it seemed as if Rude would become an ally of Jerry Lawler's in "The King's" war against Hart and his First Family. Now, Rude has struck out against Lawler as well, and might soon be aligning himself with Troy Graham, manager of Mid-Southern tag champions The Interns. Rude had a chance to make up for his past discretions, but he failed to take advantage of it. □

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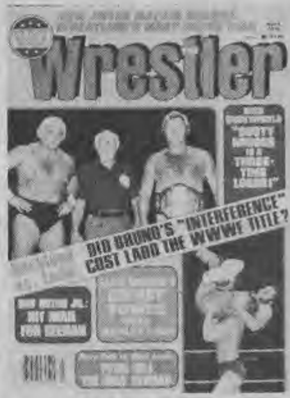

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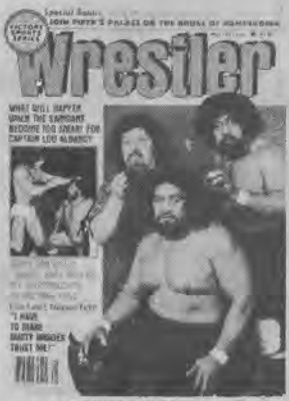

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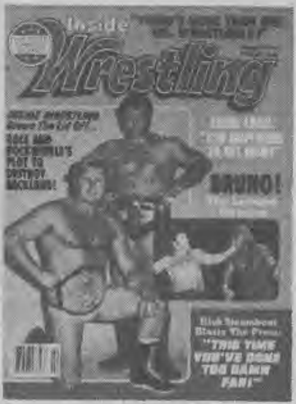

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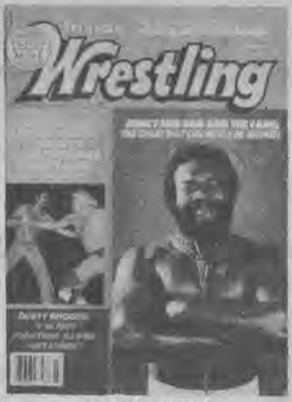

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By Craig Peters

JIMMY HART KICKED off his boots and rested his legs atop the huge oak desk in his Memphis office. On one corner of the desk sat a personal computer; on another corner of the desk was a stack of bins, each bulging with contracts, magazines, photographs, and assorted effluvia of his daily business.

"Let me tell you something, Craig-o, this here wrestling business is like a shark, you know what I'm saying? It's like a shark, because you've gotta keep moving to keep living, and if you stop moving you die, you hear what I'm saying?"

Hart's characteristic hyperactive speech echoed with shrill overtones off of the thick oak paneling covering his office walls.

"That's right, Craig-o, a shark, and in this ocean we call professional wrestling, they call Jimmy Hart 'Jaws,' you know what I mean? Because I am just like that shark, always swimming, always moving, always growing, always ferocious, always ready to attack anyone who threatens the obvious supremacy of the First Family.

"Now I just want to show you something, daddy, this is a special project I'm working on, a spe-

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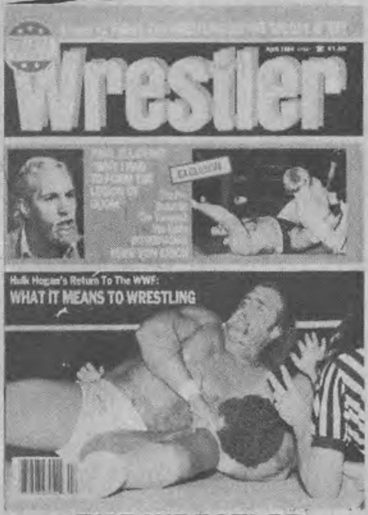

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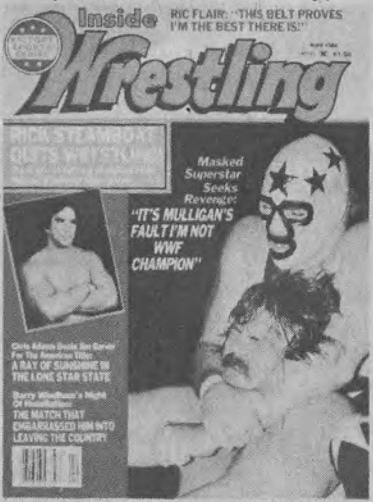

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Terminator I gives John King an aerial view of the ring. Can The Terminators make the transition from bodyguards to wrestlers? Jimmy Hart has no doubts.

cial weapon that will set the balance of power in wrestling totally askew, a special tag team that I call The Terminators."

Hart swiveled around in his overstuffed desk chair, removed a videocassette from one of the shelves behind him, and placed it into the VCR to his side. He pressed a button on his desk and while a projection device rose from the floor in front of his desk, a large screen slowly lowered from the ceiling at the other end of his office.

"Just check this out, daddy, just take a look at this."

The images on the screen were, surprisingly, not of wrestlers and a wrestling ring, but of a black tie awards banquet in Minneapolis six months earlier that attracted celebrities from all across the country from the fields of television, film, politics, and popular music.

"Now just wait a second, just wait, here they come, here . . . hold on, there—there they are!"

Dead center of the screen, in the midst of enough celebrities to fill three issues of *People* magazine, stood two beefy individuals clad in tuxedos that were clearly not designed to take the strain they were experiencing—strain from the oversized arms, legs, and chests of two men who were unmistakably hired as bodyguards for the evening's festivities.

"There they are, daddy, the two men who will change the face of professional wrestling forever!" Hart's eyes gleamed in the dim light as he spoke enthusiastically about these two men.

"These are the men I call The Terminators!"

A good name, I thought to myself. I sure wouldn't attempt to throw a glass of water at Daryl Hannah with *those* two guys guarding her!

Hart removed the videocassette and placed a second one in the machine. Within seconds, I saw images of these two formidable bodyguards inside a gym, working out on weight machines with an intensity that I have seldom seen. These men were big, and they clearly aimed to get even bigger.

"You know something, Craig-o, I learned a good lesson from my good friend Paul Ellering, and that was that rookies are the clay that fine pottery is made from, you get my drift? See, Ellering took a pair of rowdy bikers from Chicago and molded them into The Road Warriors. He taught them everything they needed to know about professional wrestling, then allowed their killer instincts to run wild. Well, this is what I intend to do with The Terminators.

I asked Hart a few more questions about their background, but he was extremely unwilling to talk—indeed, he wouldn't even divulge their names.

"Names are unimportant. Call them Terminator I and Terminator II if you must. But let me tell you this: Their killer instincts will be amplified, and with each match they will show perceptible improvement. That is something I promise to you, because I know their talent, I know their potential, and I know what I can do with two rookies when given the chance." □

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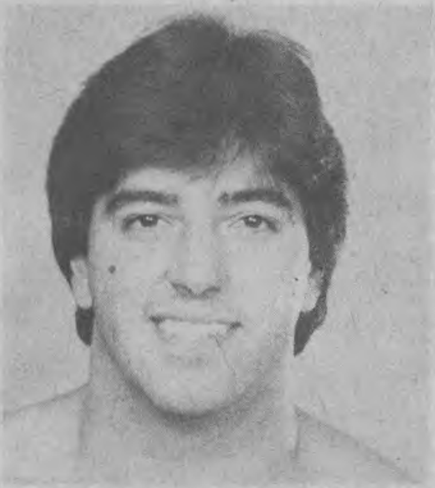
Q: Well, Rick, as we're talking it's just past your seven-month anniversary as AWA champion, and I suppose people are going to have to forget about claiming your title reign is a fluke.

A: That's exactly right, Craig. This belt is around my waist to stay. You know, all my life I've watched critics of champions claim that this win was a fluke, that a particular champion was undeserving of recognition. Baloney! I'm something of a student of AWA history, so let me point out that seven of Verne Gagne's unprecedented and legendary nine title reigns were less than a year in length—three of those reigns were less than six months in length, and one was only a week long back in 1963! Not to take anything away from the man—he also held the belt for over seven years back in 1968 through 1975. But the point I want to make is that the length of a title reign is really unimportant as to the worth of a champion. It's first and foremost a willingness to face any and all challengers, it's a tenacity and an ability to come back and regain the belt if and when you lose it—which Verne Gagne did more than any other man in wrestling history—and it's the attitude of the individual who wears the belt, the way he carries himself.

Q: Well, you haven't had any experience with losing the title, so I don't



RICK MARTEL

WHEN RICK MARTEL was competing in tag team matches with Tony Garea as his partner, feuding for the WWF tag team title with such teams as The Samoans and The Moondogs, few wrestling fans could have anticipated that less than two years later Martel would break away from tag team matches to make a run for the AWA World heavyweight championship. But, on May 13 in St. Paul, Minnesota, Martel defeated Jumbo Tsuruta for the AWA World championship and shocked the wrestling world. In the months since his victory, Martel has distinguished himself by restoring a sense of dignity and honor to a title long tainted by the rulebreaking reigns of Nick Bockwinkel. Associate Editor Craig Peters recently spoke with Martel in Minneapolis. Seven months as World champion has given Martel a unique perspective on his wrestling career, and in this interview he provides an overview of his unique and important title reign.

think we can really talk about your tenacity in regaining it. But I'd like to ask you about those other two qualities you mentioned, and how you feel you fulfill them.

A: All right.

Q: You mentioned a willingness to face all challengers. You've really done this in the AWA, haven't you, even to the point of wrestling your friend Brad Rheingans in a title match.

A: Well, it's very important to me. See, when I was wrestling in the WWF, and when I held the WWF tag team title with Tony Garea, I saw what happened with Bob Backlund. The WWF officials and commissioners prevented Bob from defending his title against many scientific challengers, despite the fact that there were many such worthy competitors in the WWF. And that devalued what was otherwise an extremely notable title reign. I don't want to fall into the same trap, so I make it very clear that I will wrestle all challengers, and I accept any contract placed before me. What good is a champion who dodges opponents and picks and chooses his challengers?

Q: In recent weeks you've defended your belt against Billy Robinson, Jim Garvin, and I understand Nick Bockwinkel is petitioning for another title shot.

A: Well . . . see, Bockwinkel is another story completely. I'm not dodg-

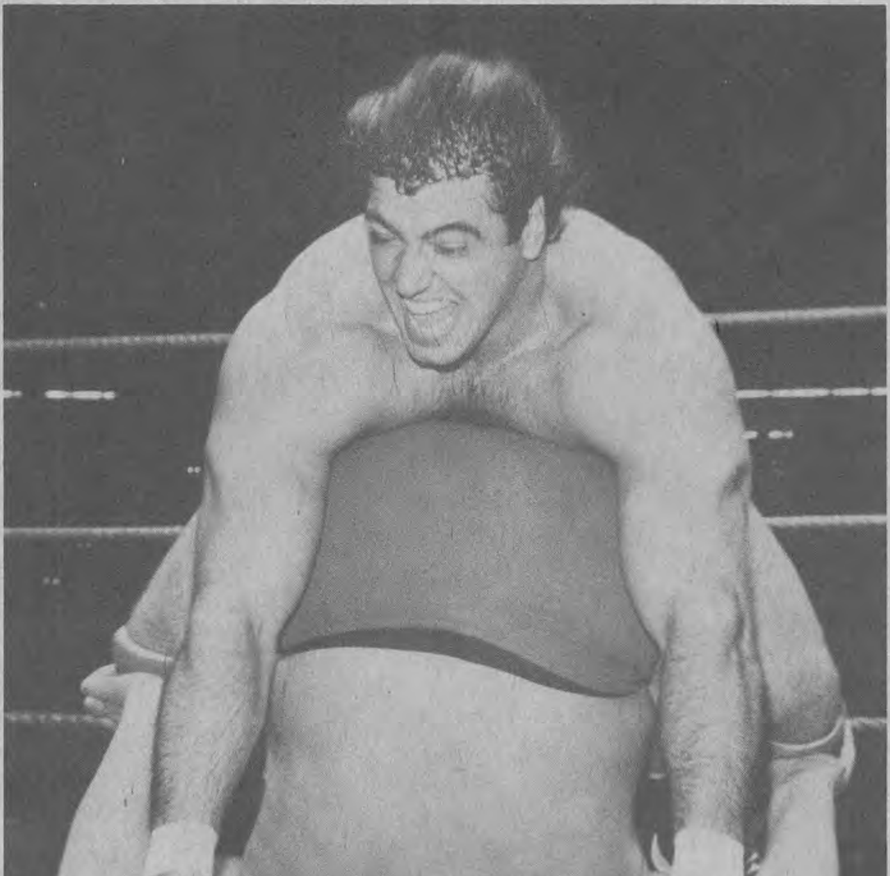
Martel ducks down and then straightens his back, sending the charging Billy Robinson flying across the ring (above). The AWA World champion hiprolls the legendary Harley Race during their classic 60-minute draw in St. Louis (opposite page).

ing him, but he's had enough title shots. His day is past. I've defeated him in plenty of matches, and I really don't want to have to defeat him again. There are too many other men in the AWA who deserve title shots before he does.

Q: Okay, getting back to what we were talking about before, being the elements that make a champion. You also mentioned the attitude of the man who wears the belt. What do you mean by that?

A: Again, to use Bockwinkel as an example. He is a very cocky individual, a very egotistical individual. He looks down his nose on the fans, and I really don't think he respects the fans as much as they should be respected. He had an attitude that the world owed him something, that the world owed

Always the sportsman, Martel joins Verne Gagne in examining Brad Rheingans after accidentally kicking him below the belt (above). Martel applies an abdominal stretch on Brad in their rematch (right). Rick ties Robinson up in a small package (below).



him an AWA World title reign. The world didn't owe him a thing. But that's what I mean about carrying the title with an attitude.

Q: How would you characterize your own attitude toward the title?

A: I don't know. I just try and do my best every day. I know that's probably the most overused cliche in wrestling among champions. Heck, if I've read that once in an interview in your magazine, I've read it 100 times. But it's funny, because I really think I understand now why that is such a cliche. Because for me, I really feel that it's true.

Martel bodyslams Nick Bockwinkel in one of his several AWA title defenses against the former champion.

Q: You were described in an article in the Winter 1984 edition of our sister publication *Wrestling 84* as being a "blue-collar champion." How do you feel about that characterization?

A: Well, I read that article, of course, and I . . . see, if you want to compare me to the NWA World champion Ric Flair and even to WWF champion Hulk Hogan: I'm not flashy like Flair or Hogan, I'm more low-key. Flair spends his money on limousines and clothes, Hogan comes bounding into the ring to "Eye of the Tiger." That's not me. I just try and be as honest and open an individual as I can. I don't want to be putting on airs or trying to be something that maybe I'm not. I just want to work hard at being the champion that I am, and I want all the AWA fans to respect my hard work more than they respect a flashy robe or a loud piece of music. I guess that's what the article meant by "blue-collar champion." If that's true, then I'm proud to be a blue-collar champion. □

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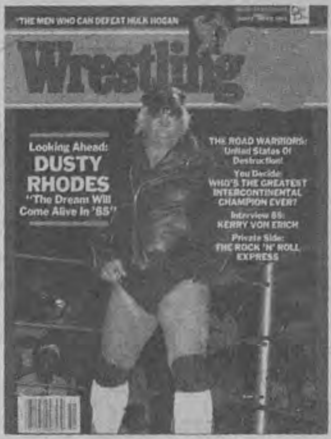

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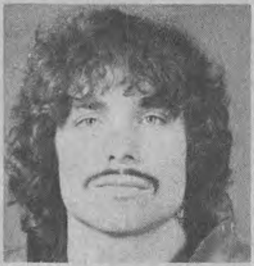


LANNY POFFO

Each month THE WRESTLER'S panel of experts will offer their candid opinions of one of wrestling's stars. Whether an up-and- coming youngster or an established superstar in his own right, our panel will always be frank and honest without fear of reprisal

Lanny Poffo's critics say that he is not aggressive enough to make it to the top of his profession. Lanny Poffo's supporters say that one day he will literally leap to the top of his profession. Poffo, one of the foremost aerial artists in the sport, must avoid mixing it up on the inside with men like Nick Bockwinkel (above). If he can utilize his natural gifts, his success could be boundless.

BRUNO SAMMARTINO

"Wrestling-wise, Poffo is as good as I've seen. He has the moves, the smarts, and the desire to go on to great successes. But doggone it, he lacks the killer instinct that is necessary if he wants to win a title. He lays back too much, and in wrestling that can be fatal. What he needs is a good manager who'll instruct him on some of the finer points of the sport. With some solid management behind him, I see great things ahead for him."

Bruno Sammartino is known as wrestling's "Living Legend." He is the most popular wrestler to ever hold the WWF title.

TERRY FUNK

"To be a champion, a wrestler has to be willing to take risks. I was in Memphis when Lanny wrestled former AWA World champion Nick Bockwinkel for *Pro Wrestling U.S.A.* He lost the match, but only after he tried his backflip from the turnbuckles and Bockwinkel, the veteran that he is, lifted his knees. Using that move shows that Lanny Poffo is willing to pay the price to be champion."

Terry Funk has held the NWA World championship, the Missouri State title, and a number of other regional titles.

GENE KÍNISKI

"First of all, with a name like Lanny Poffo, how good can he be? I wrestled his old man, Angelo, many, many times and let me tell you, he was one tough SOB, as I understand the other kid, Randy Savage, is. But Lanny Poffo? He's a powderpuff who does a lot of fancy-Dan moves. Does he want to be a wrestler or does he want to be Mary Lou Retton? The kid better toughen up if he expects to be around much longer."

Gene Kiniski is a rugged Canadian who was NWA World champion in the late 1960s.

BUDDY ROGERS

"If Lanny can avoid the influences of his father, who was a real mean guy, I think it's just a matter of time before he captures some kind of regional title. Rarely have I seen a wrestler combine skill and smarts in the way Lanny does. He reminds me of Edouard Carpentier in a lot of ways, especially in his aerial moves. I'm looking foward to the thrills that he provides for years to come."

Buddy Rogers is the only man to hold both the NWA World title and the WWF title.

LOU THESZ

"I can watch Lanny wrestle all day. His reverse backflip off the top turnbuckle is the most spectacular move in wrestling today. In all my 50 years in and around the ring I've never seen a more difficult and imaginative match-ending maneuver. All Lanny needs to win a belt is a little seasoning and experience."

Lou Thesz held the NWA World title six times during his fabulous 50-year career. Many consider him the greatest all-round wrestler in history.

EDDIE GRAHAM

"Lanny Poffo should come down to Florida and wrestle here among the best competition in the country to gain some experience. Then he should select himself a tag team partner, some big, brawling, brute who would complement his scientific style, and then they should make a run for a major tag team title. I bet they'd be successful."

Eddie Graham is a former co-holder of the World tag team title, and was a top contender for the NWA World title for more than 20 years.

RIC FLAIR: "BILLY JACK HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO BE WORLD CHAMPION...*ALMOST!*"

By Ric Flair

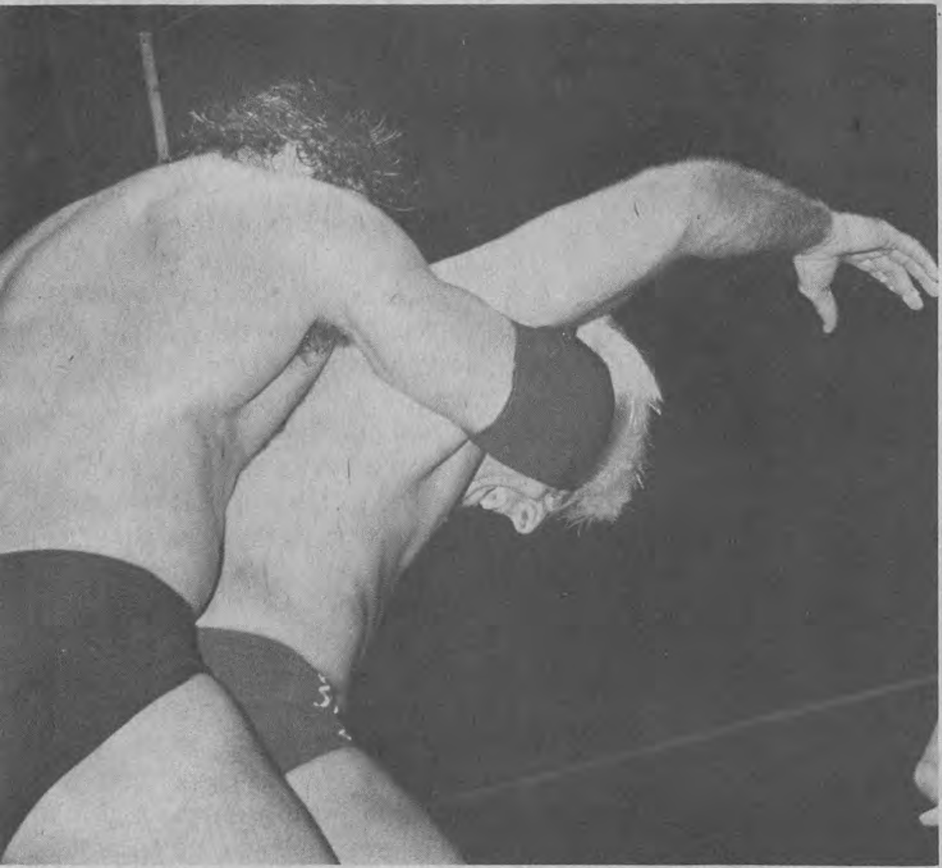
NOW I DON'T want to deflate all the hopes and dreams that you fans have for this kid Billy Jack. I know he's called "The People's Choice" for a reason, and that reason has to do with the fact that there probably isn't one of you fans who doesn't adore this musclebound rookie.

Well that's fine. But you'd better listen to the voice of experience when I say that Billy Jack will never win the NWA World title . . . at least not while those 10 pounds of gold are strapped around *my* waist.

But that's not to say that Billy Jack will *never* become NWA World champion. On the contrary, I'm willing to recognize the fact that Billy Jack has what it takes to be World champion . . . almost.

Because there are some shortcomings in Billy Jack that have cost him dearly. And as three-time NWA World champion, as the greatest wrestler in the world today, I'm going to offer my own experience and knowledge and tell you, the readers of this maga-

Most of the fans who have seen Billy Jack's title matches with NWA World champion Ric Flair agree: "The People's Choice" will one day be champion of the world. But as you read Ric Flair's own analysis of Billy Jack, you'll discover that it takes more than talent, strength, and the support of the fans to win the greatest prize in all of wrestling



Every time Billy Jack wrestles Ric Flair, he seems to get closer to winning his title. Billy tries to muscle his way out of Flair's headlock (opposite page). Billy grabs Flair in his excruciating full-nelson (above) and bounces the champion around the ring (right and below).

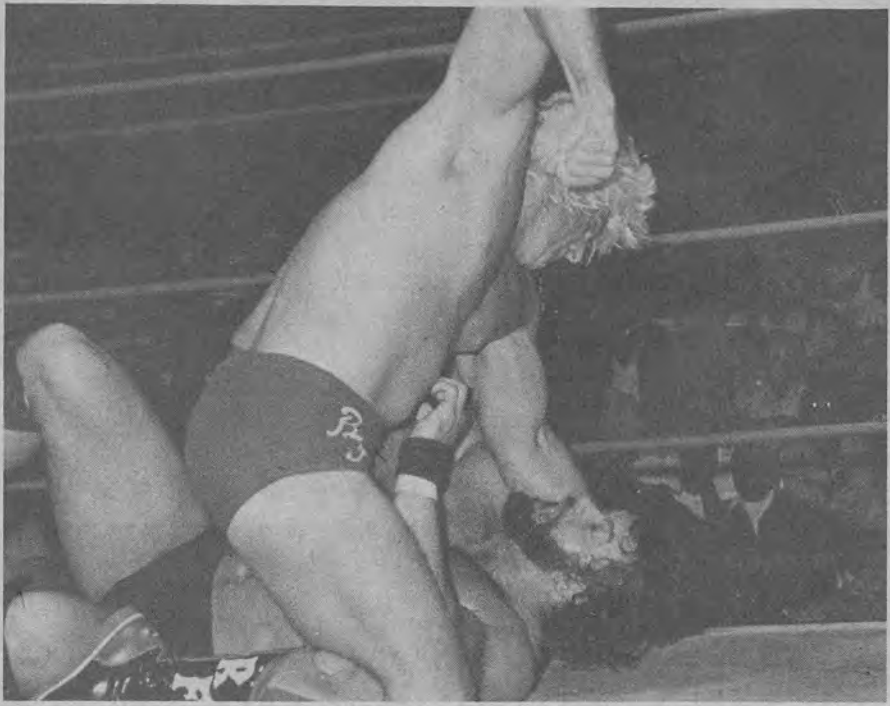
zine—and you, Billy Jack, if you're reading this—why you'll never win the World title from me.

First let me say that there's a lot of raw talent in Billy Jack. Much of this derives from the fact that Billy Jack has been a weightlifter for many years, and with his strength and musculature, he's able to bull his opponents into submission using a pure strength hold like the full-nelson.

Another plus in Billy Jack's favor is his youth. He's at that stage in his career where he's impres-

sionable, where he's still learning a great deal from every match he wrestles in, and where—if he pays attention, and I mean *close* attention to what he's doing—he'll be able to improve enormously over the next few years. And that should be something to watch, because he's a truly formidable athlete right now.

A third asset in this young man is that he's got the fans behind him. Now personally, I look after Ric Flair first, and if the fans like



Flair is able to take advantage of certain weaknesses he sees in Billy Jack. The champion gets his challenger to the canvas and pounds away with his right fist (above). Flair flings Billy through the ropes and down to the arena floor (below).

my style, like my success, then that's fine. I'm not going to bend over backward to please the fans. But when you've got the fans on your side, like I had in Greensboro, North Carolina, last year in my World title cage match with Harley Race, it sometimes makes you able to dig that much deeper for that much more strength when you really need it. And where Billy Jack is concerned—well, he's already said on several occasions that the fans are a prime motivating force in his career.

So what do we have here? A young man by the name of Billy Jack, with a lot of raw talent, a physique that is virtually second to none. and with youth and the fans on his side.

Not bad. You might say that he's got what it takes to become NWA World heavyweight champion.

Like I said earlier, he does . . . almost.

Because in addition to those particular assets, Billy Jack has several liabilities working against him.

Very obviously, he lacks experience. For most of his career, he wrestled in the Pacific Northwest. His move to Florida was probably the best thing he could do for himself, because it exposed him to a wider variety of opponents, in turn forcing him to adapt to a wider variety of wrestling styles. And now that he's going to be wrestling in the World Class area, he should improve even more. But it will take years before he gains the experience necessary to capture the World title.

The kid also doesn't have the aggressiveness needed to become champion. You know the old saying: "Nice guys finish last." These sayings don't get to be old unless there's some truth to them, daddy. And Billy Jack, right now, is simply too nice a guy to become champion. He'll learn; that'll come with experience.

And Billy lacks something else that's needed to succeed in a challenge for the World title: finesse. He's more like an overgrown child than a seasoned athlete. You know when you get a 14-year- old kid who stands six feet tall and weighs 220 pounds? He's clumsy, he's awkward, and he just doesn't know what to do with his body. That's Billy Jack. He's too clumsy and awkward right now. He doesn't yet have the fluidity or the finesse to be able to execute the more elegant maneuvers in wrestling—maneuvers that, by the way, often make the difference between challenger

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Will Gary Hart Accept Our Offer?

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The recent defection of the popular Chris Adams to the ranks of Gary Hart struck a note of rage not only with wrestling fans, but with the editor's of *The Wrestler* as well. After debating the ethics of the magzine's most controversial move ever, we decided that we had no choice but to offer Gary Hart $100,000 to leave Chris Adams alone

IN A MOVE that is certain to send shockwaves throughout both the wrestling and publishing worlds, *The Wrestler* has offered Gary Hart $100,000 in exchange for a written guarantee that the manager will disassociate himself with Chris Adams. The unprecedented offer was the result of hours of hotly contested debates among the editors of the magazine, who, along with fans throughout the country, are outraged over the role Hart is playing in the feud between Adams and the Von Erichs brothers.

Editor-in-Chief Peter King, who detailed Hart's long and questionable history of psychological manipulation in his April 1985 installment of "King's Court" in our sister publication *Pro Wrestling Illustrated,* explains: "Feuds are a natural manifestation of the pressures and hostilities in a sport as physically demanding as professional wrestling—we understand that. However, the feud between Chris Adams and the Von Erichs is different; it's *unnatural* if you will. It is our belief that Hart has somehow mentally manipulated Adams into dumping the Von Erichs, and that kind of mind control dominance has no place in professional wrestling."

What King is referring to has long been suspected of Hart. King quoted one of Hart's college classmates in his controversial "King's Court" column: "Gary was always in the lab, trying out new and different psychological experiments . . . But psychological experiments on dumb animals wasn't enough for Gary. He had to try it on human beings. He took some poor students, usually foreign students who felt left out on campus, and pretended to be their friends. Little by little, they came to trust him. After a while, they were totally under his control."

In the case of Chris Adams, Hart sees him as the foreign student who feels left out. Somehow he has managed to convince Chris that the Von Erichs have been taking advantage of him all these years and that they are holding back his career. Since Adams'

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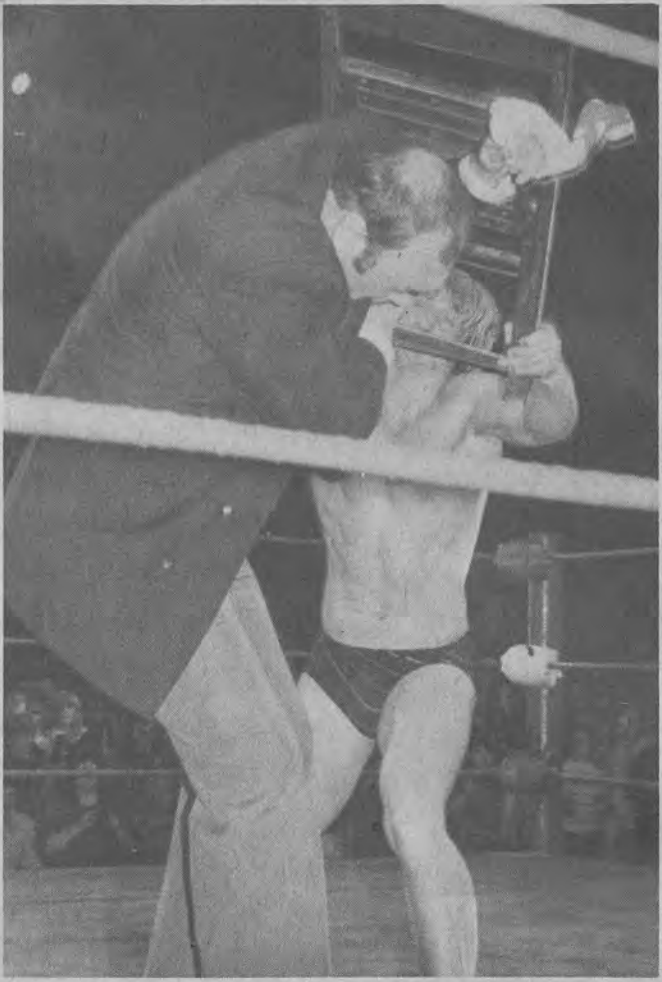


Chris Adams used to spend Christmas Day with the Von Erich family. Not this year. Adams mounts the ropes and viciously rips into Kevin (left). Kevin brings a chair down on the head of the man responsible for the change in Adams (above).

infamous attack on Kevin Von Erich, both *The Wrestler* and members of the Von Erich family have been secretly trying to contact Chris in an attempt to talk things out. Every letter and phone call has gone unanswered.

What really happened to Chris Adams? Could he really be under some kind of spell? Listen to Kevin Von Erich, formerly Adams' closest friend, describe his family's ordeal over the Adams incident: "You know, it's been said over and over but it's true—Chris was like a brother to all of us. We welcomed him into our family and he provided us with so many wonderful times. He was like a little kid, fresh over from England, anxious to try anything, so trusting and good natured—I can honestly say that I cared for him like I cared for one of my brothers."

Von Erich's words echo the sentiments of *The Wrestler's* staff. Peter King: "We knew it wasn't Adams behind all this. I've spoken to the kid a number of times, and everything Kevin said is true. He was the nicest and sweetest guy you'd ever want to meet. And dependable to a fault. I remember mentioning to him once that my niece was a real big fan of his, and when I returned home I discovered that he had sent a handwritten note and an autographed photo to her home, just like that without me even asking him for it.

"That's what makes this whole thing even harder to swallow. We worked closely with the Von Erichs throughout this entire incident, but after trying a number of routine approaches we felt that the magazine had an obligation to the wrestling public and to Chris Adams to try something extraordinary. That's when we decided to make the offer."

Managing Editor Stu Saks was adamantly opposed to *The Wrestler's* offer, citing the importance of journalistic integrity. "A job of a news magazine is to report the news," Saks said, "not make the news. For a magazine to remain neutral and objective, it must take measures to keep itself detached from a story, no matter how difficult that is. Offering $100,000 to Hart, whether or not he accepts it, hurts our credibility immeasurably."

King says he understands the risks involved in making the cash offer, but he sees it as a necessary evil. "As publishers of the leading wrestling magazines in the world, we have an obligation not only to ourselves, but to the sport as a whole," King said. "At its best, wrestling is an athletic contest, a struggle between two men for supremacy inside a squared circle. When a third party starts to affect what takes place inside the ring, it is no longer an athletic contest. Gary Hart endangers

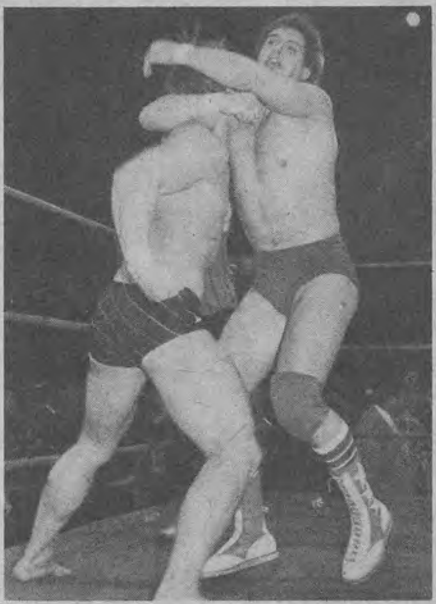
wrestling, and I feel we have an obligation to try to stop him."

By all accounts, the Chris Adams wrestling today is a completely different man than the one that Texas wrestling fans grew to know, love, and adopt as their own. Today Adams enters the ring like a man possessed, oblivious to all of his once devoted fans, concerned only with the destruction and annihilation of his opponents, especially the Von Erich family. The question remains: Will the lure of a $100,000 be enough to remove Gary Hart from the life of Chris Adams? And will Adams be strong enough to recover from whatever psychological damage that Hart has inflicted upon him?

Peter King is confident. "Gary Hart is a scoundrel and all scoundrels jump at a chance for some easy money," he said. "He will give Chris the boot in a heartbeat if there's some profit in it for himself. And once Chris is free from Hart's control with the help of the Von Erichs and all of his fans, I'm sure that in no time at all he'll be back to his old, popular ways."

Although Hart refused to comment on our offer directly, he has informed us through his secretary that he would respond within the next 10 days. If that is the case, we should be able to present that response to our readers in the April 1985 issue of our sister publication *Sports Review Wrestling,* on sale February 19. □

Adams intends to use this chair against Von Erich, but Kevin throws a magnificent dropkick, sending the chair crashing into Chris' face (above). Referee Rick Hazzard tries to stop Kevin from crushing the chair into Adams' torso (below). Von Erich will fire his fist into Adams' ribs (right).



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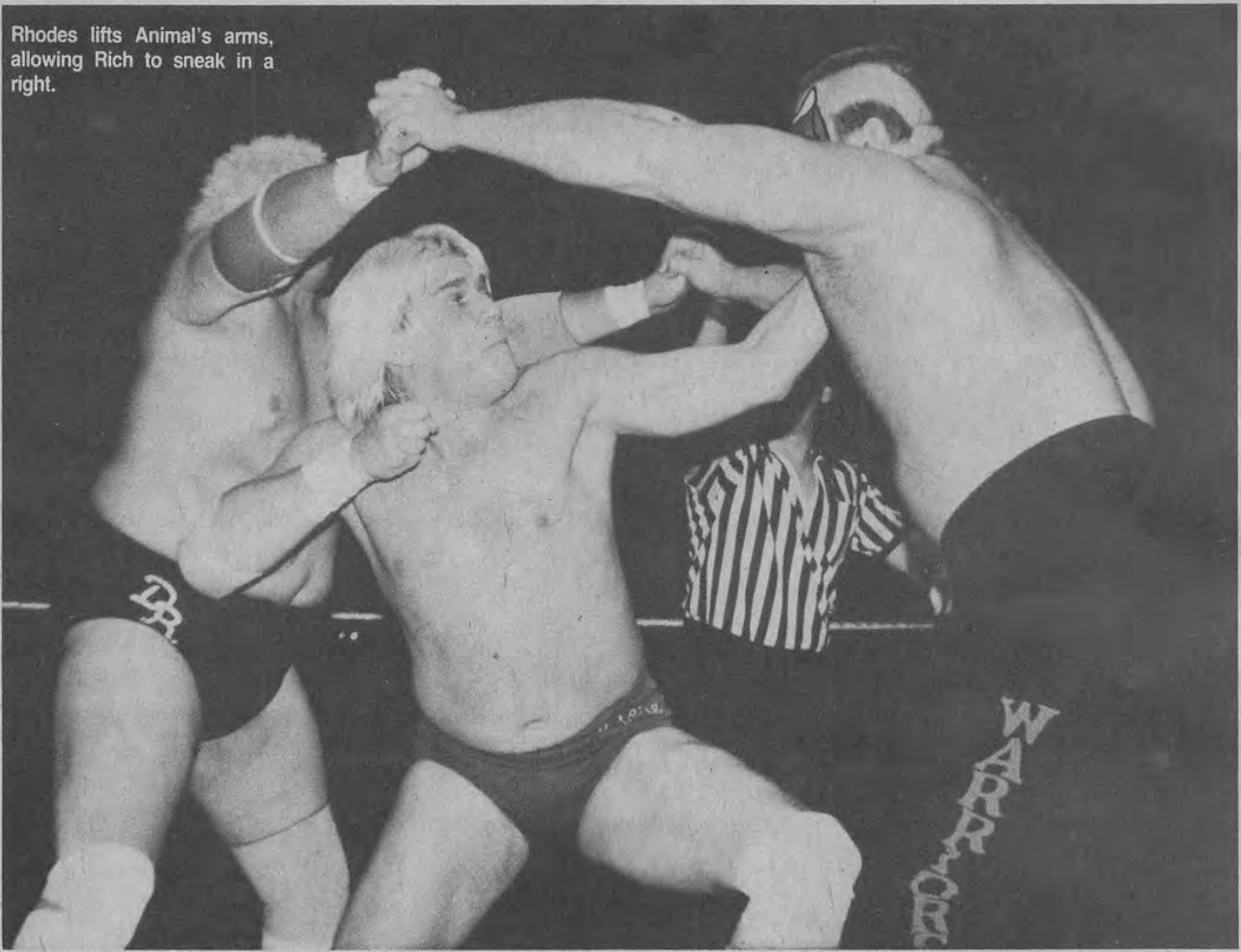

Rhodes lifts Animal's arms, allowing Rich to sneak in a right.

THE ROAD WARRIORS & ELLERING

FOR TWO MONTHS the hatred festered, simmered, and grew greater with each passing day. For two months the anticipation among Baltimore's wrestling fans rose to a fever pitch. For two months the strategies were being planned by two teams of three men, each team thoroughly determined to prove its superiority over the other.

And when the day of reckoning finally arrived, the assemblage of power in the ring proved to be nothing short of awesome. In one corner: Tommy "Wildfire" Rich, "The American Dream" Dusty Rhodes, and Ole Anderson. In the other corner: The Road Warriors and Precious Paul Ellering.

The match was clearly a blueprint for utter mayhem, so how could the NWA have sanctioned it?

To learn the reasons why, we have to go back in time nearly two months.

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The situation began during a match last October in the Baltimore Civic Center between Tommy Rich and Masao Ito. Paul Ellering, who often acts as Ito's adviser during his appearances on the East Coast, helped his man avoid a pin by Rich by placing his leg on the ropes.

In retaliation, Rich attacked Ellering, and then The Road Warriors rushed to the ring to attack Rich. "Make him pay, make him pay," Ellering howled as Animal and Hawk beat Rich to a bloody pulp.

Ole Anderson and Dusty

The feud's roots extend to the tag team match in which Ole Anderson was thrown from the ring (above) and the Warriors, soon to be joined by Paul Ellering, brutalized Rhodes (right and bottom).

It's inevitable: Place Road Warriors Hawk and Animal and their manager, Paul Ellering, in the same ring with Dusty Rhodes, Tommy Rich, and Ole Anderson, and the result will be complete mayhem. Such was the case recently in Baltimore as these six men clashed in the followup to a brutal and bloody tag team match two months earlier

VS. RHODES, RICH, & ANDERSON!

Rhodes, who were scheduled to wrestle the Warriors in the next match, entered the melee, and referee David Hebner somehow managed to get Rich and Ellering out of the ring.

During the tag team match, however, the Warriors threw Anderson out of the ring and, along with Ellering, triple-teamed Rhodes. Rich charged the ring from the dressing room area with a bandage wrapped around his head, revived Anderson, and the two helped Rhodes clear the ring

of Ellering and his men.

And as thousands of fans cheered their support of Rhodes, Rich, and Anderson, the threesome issued their challenge to the Warriors and Ellering: to meet face to face in a sanctioned six-man match.

Ellering refused to make the match that night, but Baltimore promoter Gary Juster took his case to NWA President Bob Geigel and the Maryland Athletic Commission and applied the pres-

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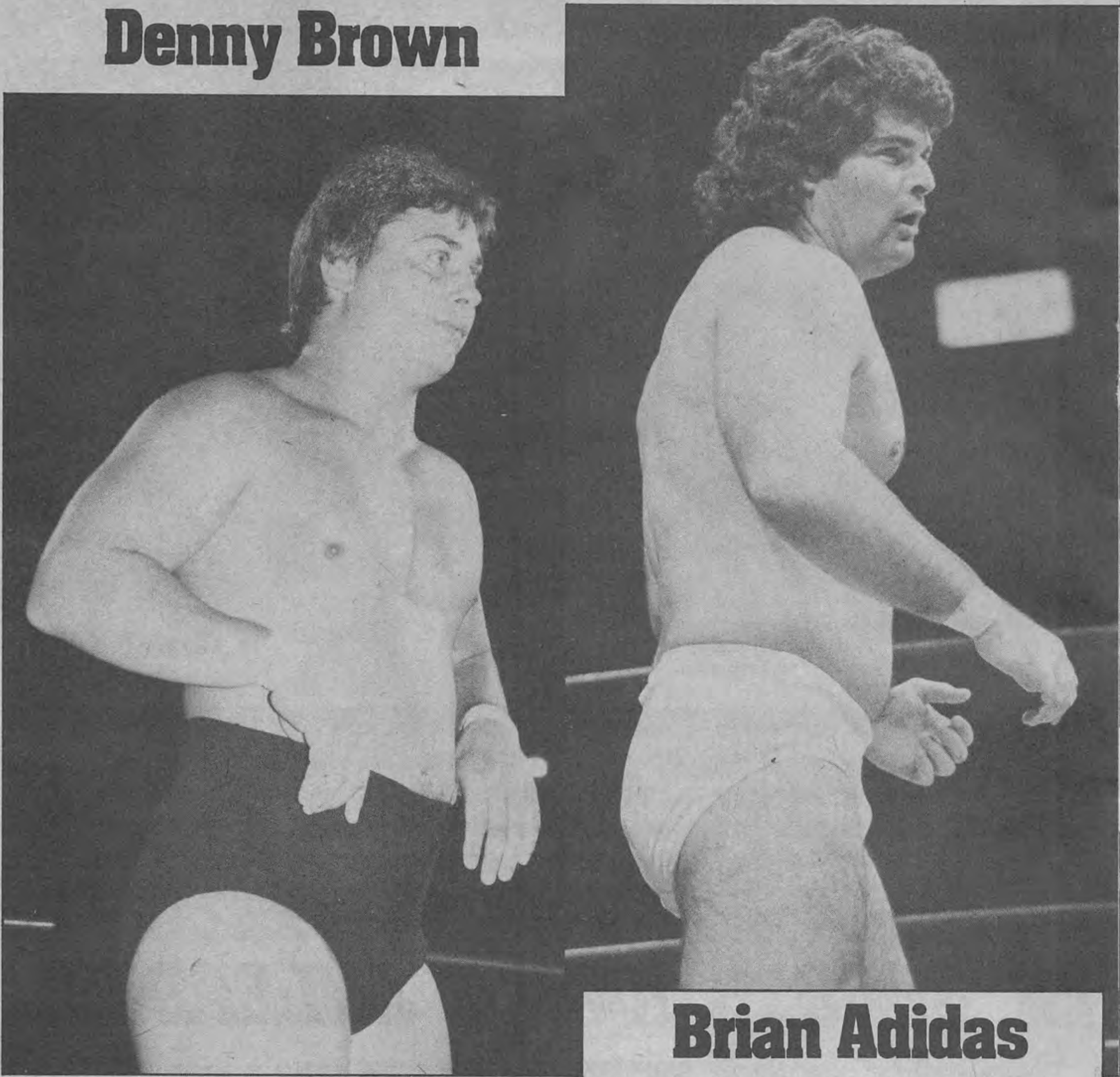
Denny Brown



Brian Adidas

"I'M ALL BEAT UP," Mike Davis said. "My leg's bruised. My left arm is killing me. I pulled a muscle in my shoulder, and I have a wicked headache. Why couldn't I have just been a gym teacher?"

"Give me a break," Denny Brown yelled from across the dressing room. "You? A gym teacher?".

"Sure," Davis said. "Why couldn't I be a gym teacher?"

"Because those who *can* do, and those who *can't* teach," Brian Adidas said. "And you *can* do."

"I *can* also get killed," Brown countered.

"You got killed already," Adidas said. "Denny killed you on Thanksgiving night, turkey."

"That's 'cause I was too skinny a turkey," Davis said.

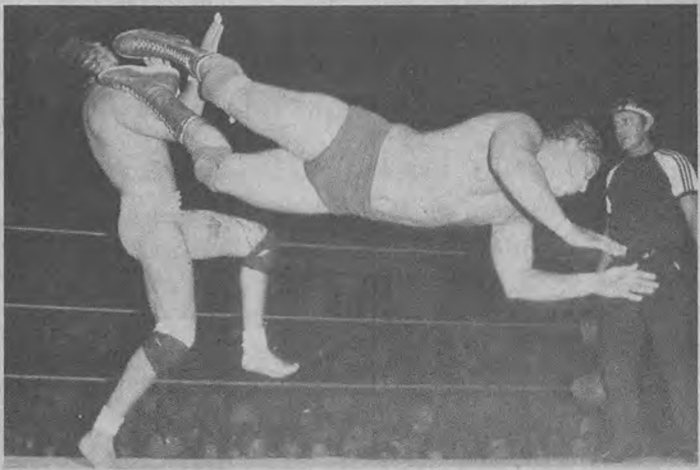
The banter between the three continued to bounce off the walls of the dressing room they were sharing at Norfolk's Scope Coliseum, and would continue out to their cars and then to a local restaurant. They ate and talked and ate some more before going back to their respective homes. The next day they would meet in a local gym for their morning workout.

"Sure, we all want the same thing," Davis told *The Wrestler*. "We all want success. We all want titles. I saw a movie, a documentary called *Pumping Iron,* about bodybuilding. And during the filming, one of these bodybuilders hides some other guy's posing trunks, and he talks to the camera for a couple of minutes about how he's gonna psych this guy out by stealing his trunks, distracting his attention away

Mike Davis

They are the young stars of a group of wrestlers they're calling "The Class of the '80s." Denny Brown, Brian Adidas, and Mike Davis are on the verge of superstardom. Their arrival will mark the beginning of a new era for professional wrestling, but as far as they're concerned, they're just three guys making a living

THE STARS OF TOMORROW ARE SHINING TODAY



Denny Brown, who recently captured the NWA World junior heavyweight title from Mike Davis, dropkicks Hector Guerrero.

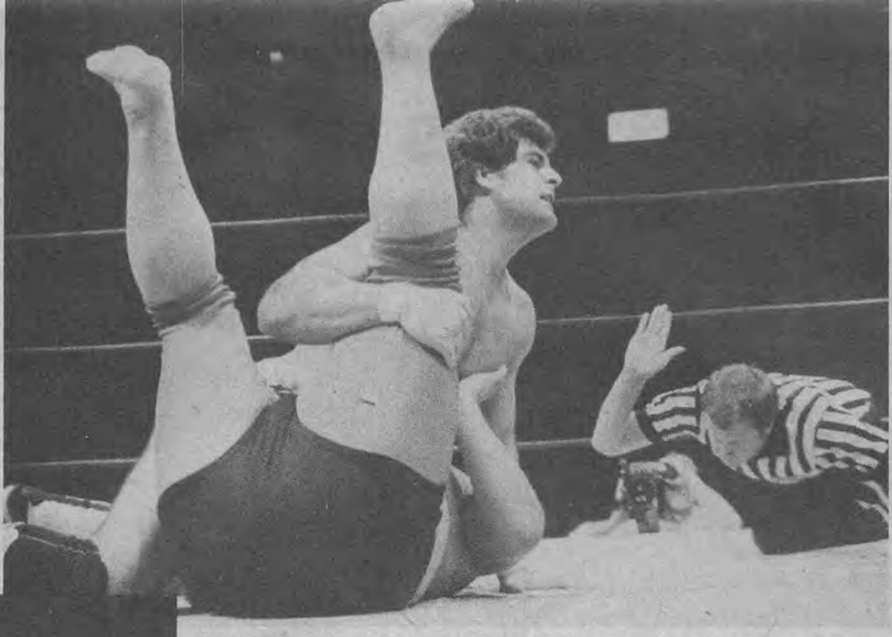
from the competition.

"There are a lot of people in wrestling who say you have to take advantage of everything you can to be a winner," Davis continued. "I say you can do without the psych-outs and all that garbage. The sport I fell in love with as a kid, the sport I worked my whole life to get into, has nothing to do with stealing trunks and staring people down. What matters is the match, the action, and getting the pinfall."

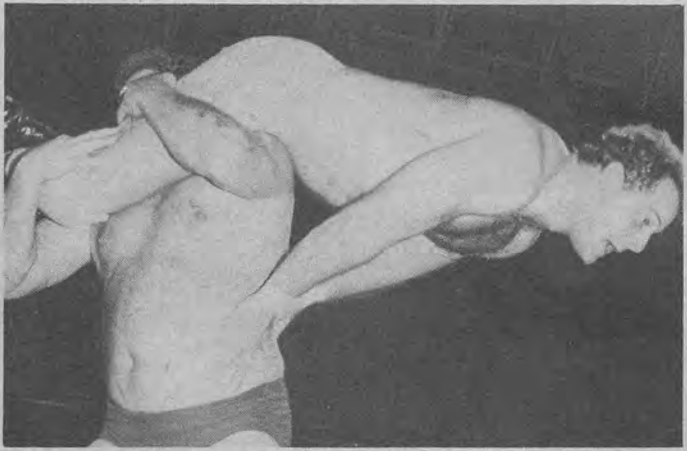
"Why does it surprise people that we can be friends?" Adidas said. "We all want fame. So do all the assistant vice presidents of a corporation, and I'm sure some of them get along. Sure, there's a lot of backstabbing in the corporate world. I took a class in corporate management in college, and we did a lot of work on the office political system, the pecking order and all that. There's less of that in wrestling, and none of it as far as we're concerned. I want to get ahead because I'm the best, not because I did something that made anyone else any worse."

"If guys like Ric Flair and Dusty Rhodes are the presidents, we're the assistant vice presidents," Adidas explained. And if we bring that discussion to its logical conclusion, Brown, Davis, and Adidas are on the verge of the superstardom.

With all three men seemingly headed in the same direction, one might find it hard to believe that they could be so close. Especially Brown and Davis,



Brown armdrags Hector Guerrero to the mat (top left) and cradles Mr. Ito (above). Davis headlocks veteran Harley Race (left) and brings him down with a flying headscissors (below).



who recently collided on the path to superstardom. After all, it was Brown who took away Davis' NWA World junior heavyweight championship on the Starrcade '84 wrestling card last Thanksgiving.

"I can't come in under 230 [the junior heavyweight limit] anymore," Davis said. "I spend too much time sweating off the weight. I get weak. Not that I'm taking anything away from Denny, 'cause he did beat me fair and square. The weight limit is one of the rules of the match, you know, and you have to abide by it. But at my natural weight I could beat him."

"Yeah? You think so?" Brown said. "I say you're too slow at your natural weight. I could run circles around you."

"It's not a track meet, Denny, it's a wrestling match."

Adidas puts tremendous pressure on the shoulder of former WWF champion Ivan Koloff.

Okay, there is an undercurrent of rivalry that exists, but for the most part Brown and Davis, and Adidas as well, can handle the fact that they're competing, directly or indirectly, for the same things.

"They all want to be on top of the world," veteran wrestling commentator Gordon Solie said. "And they're all capable of doing it. Personally, I find it absolutely amazing that three of the top prospects in this sport are all wrestling in the same part of the country. It's obviously not a matter of chance that they are all in the Mid-Atlantic.

"They know that they'll get the best opposition, the toughest matches, and the most publicity there," Solie continued. "Plus, they get a chance to watch some of the greatest wrestlers in the world in action. Men like Dusty Rhodes, Ric Flair, Wahoo McDaniel,

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An Open Letter To The Tonga Kid:

AVOID THE MISTAKES JIMMY SNUKA MADE!

Eighteen-year-old Tonga Kid has accomplished more in his short time as a pro wrestler than perhaps anyone in the history of the sport. Despite the promise and potential he shows, The Tonga Kid is in danger of losing everything as he becomes locked in the middle of a deadly feud he has inherited from his cousin Jimmy Snuka. How he handles this tense situation might very well affect his career permanently. We thought we'd give him a little advice

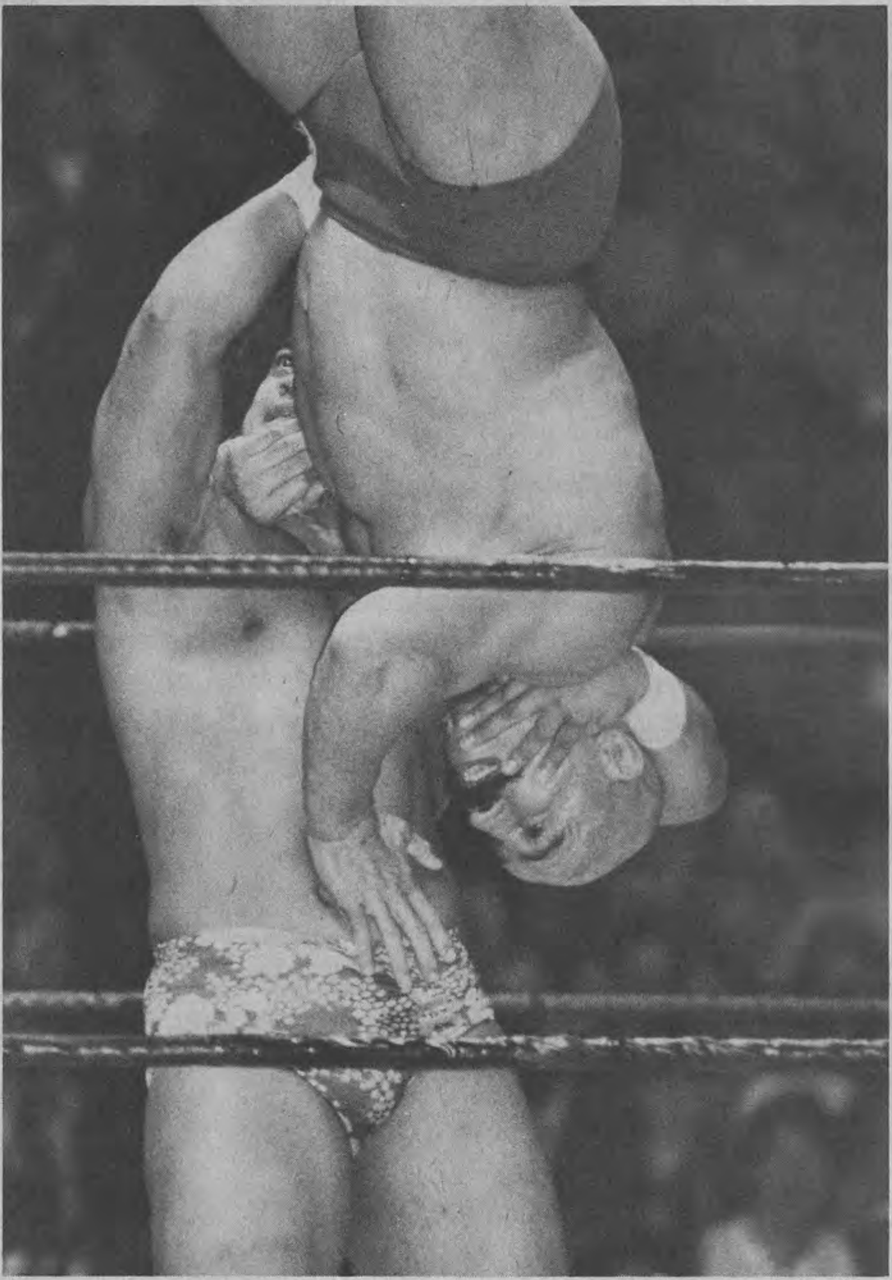
Dear Tonga Kid,

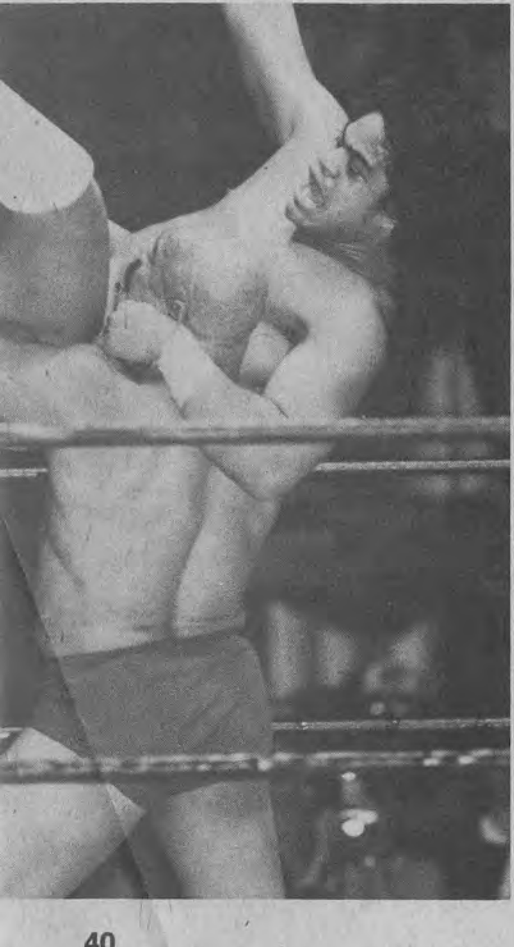
Congratulations on your breakthrough into the ratings last month. As many, more experienced wrestlers will tell you, the true test of a wrestler is his ability to crack and consistently climb the ratings—that you have made that initial breakthrough at the tender age of 18 is a tribute to your style, skill, and dedication. There are many extremely talented wrestlers who have been around for many years and who are still trying to crack the ratings. Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement.

You are fortunate to have your cousin Jimmy Snuka as your mentor, trainer, and spiritual guide. Having a wrestler of Snuka's skill and wisdom provides you with an edge of immeasurable value. Already you've successfully emulated Snukas's training techniques, techniques that enabled "The Superfly" to develop the among the most imposing physiques in wrestling. Under Snuka's guidance, you should be a cinch for a major title within the next couple of years.

The Tonga Kid has learned an enormous amount about wrestling from studying the successes of his cousin Jimmy Snuka. But there is also a great deal to be learned from studying his failures.

The Tonga Kid should be wrestling against men who will force him to expand his skills and increase his versatility. The Iron Sheik is the perfect opponent. Tonga Kid applies a chinlock against the Sheik (above) and suplexes him (right), but he is the victim of a spinecrusher (below).





Yes history will certainly look kindly upon the career of Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka, without a doubt one of wrestling's most talented and colorful athletes. Snuka's combination of raw strength, acrobatic finesse, and fearlessness have made him one of the premier wrestlers of his day. That you can adapt to his style so easily is a reflection of your tremendous skills.

Already you've perfected the Superfly leap, and the Polynesian chop that are Snuka trademarks. You also approach each match with the same daring recklessness for which that Snuka is celebrated. It's apparent to even a casual wrestling fan that you and your cousin share more than just a simple family tie—the two of you wrestle as one, embodying that mysterious Polynesian spirit in much the same way that Jay Youngblood would invoke the Indian gods to aid him in his matches.

However, there is another side of Jimmy Snuka that his legions of fans tend to overlook. A darker, unpredictable side that has colored Snuka's career in an unfavorable light. There's the Jimmy Snuka who teamed with the notorious Ray Stevens and bullied their way to the NWA tag team championship in 1980. There's

the Jimmy Snuka who signed to be managed by Capt. Lou Albano and fought a legendary series of matches with Bob Backlund for the WWF crown. There's the Jimmy Snuka who, throughout most of his career, has moved from feud to feud and has undergone more personality changes than Sybil. Snuka, it would seem, has gone to great lengths to undermine his own career. The man possesses the talent to have won any individual belt in professional wrestling, yet just when he seems on the threshold of success something will befall him. Jimmy's knack for getting involved in feuds is remarkable. In the WWF alone he has battled with Backlund, Magnificent Muraco, and, after Buddy Rogers alerted him to the fact that Albano was mishandling his finances, Jimmy even feuded with his manager.

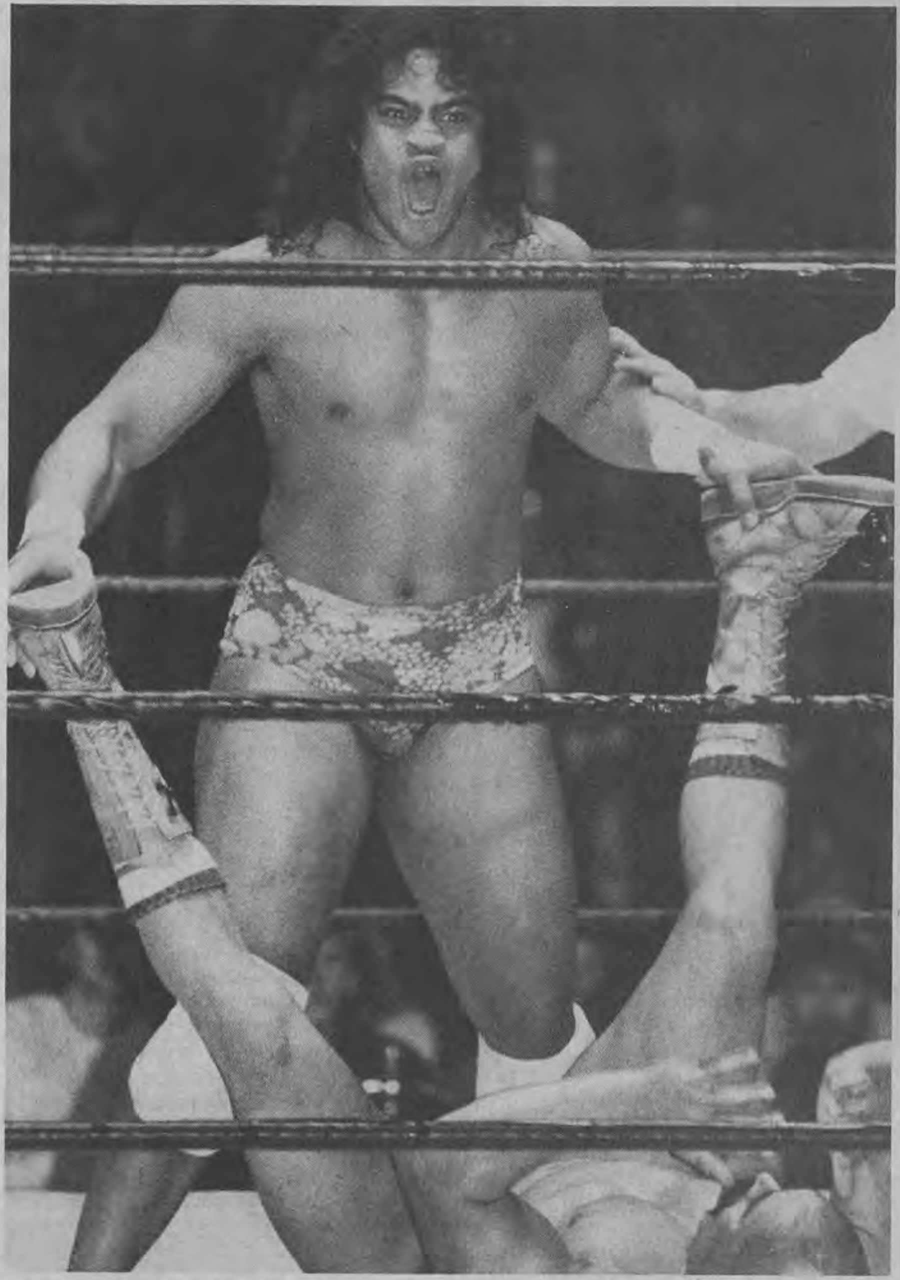
Now, your cousin finds himself embroiled in a feud with Roddy Piper, and this is the worst one yet. It started when Piper humiliated Jimmy on TV by hitting him over the head with a coconut and rubbing a banana into his face. Soon after, the two met at Madison Square Garden and Piper almost ended Jimmy's career with a vicious attack with a chair. As Jimmy lay in a hospital bed, unsure whether he'd ever wrestle again, you vowed to avenge the savage attack. You battled Piper all over the country, risking everything you've worked so hard for in a battle against one of the most dangerous men in the sport. Now, with Snuka back on wrestling scene, he has joined you in the fight.

The pattern is clear: Snuka is merely doing what he's always done, letting his anger cloud his thinking, following his instincts for revenge. The tragedy is that he seems to be dragging you down with him. The last thing you need at this formative stage of your career is to be burdened down in some never-ending vendetta.

Leave Roddy Piper alone! Mess with him and you're also getting involved with Cowboy Bob Orton, Paul Orndorff, and David Shultz. Once you involve yourself with these monsters, you'll be forever looking over your shoulder, fighting the invisible shadow of Roddy Piper, in addition to fighting your opponent in the ring. It's a battle you simply cannot win, no matter how good you are.

You've done a tremedous job at absorbing your cousin's strengths—now learn to avoid his shortcomings. Don't fall into the same traps that Snuka has. Yes, feuds are a part of wrestling, but they shouldn't occupy all of your time. You should be on a singleminded quest for a major title, not engaged in some petty warfare with a bunch of misguided rulebreakers.

Concentrate on your wrestling. Take on as many different styles of wrestlers as you can. Realize the phenomenal potential that you have, achieve what Jimmy Snuka couldn't, make him proud. Your future is unlimited, Kid. Don't let us down. □



Tonga Kid asks the fans if he should show Iron Sheik mercy, and the fans say, "no!" The Kid must make every effort to move on from one opponent to the next and not get bogged down by feuds.

Beyond the Squared Circle

Eddie Gilbert and younger brother Doug. Could they be a tag team of the future?

The Fantastics, Tommy Rogers and Bobby Fulton, are confident that they will win Tag Team of the Year honors in next year's *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* poll.

Ignoring his young autograph-seekers, Big John Studd hails a cab after a match.

Taping an interview for Japanese television before the Starrcade '84 card in Greensboro, North Carolina, Rick Steamboat draws a crowd of press members. Rick was illegally defeated by Tully Blanchard at Starrcade.

NWA World champion Ric Flair is interviewed by Senior Editor Bill Apter during a *Pro Wrestling U.S.A.* telecast.

Kerry Von Erich works out at his Irving, Texas, gym, one of five the former NWA champ owns.

Mid-Atlantic tag team champions Cowboy Ron Bass and Black Bart load their mouthes with tobacco.

Tully Blanchard shows Wahoo McDaniel his prematch stretching routine.

Rookie powerhouse Nikita Koloff, wrapped in the flag of the Soviet Union, catches a little shut-eye in his hotel room before departing for the arena.

Bob Backlund gets to the arena early so he can spend some time going through his mail.

Jimmy Valiant, having been illegally defeated by Paul Jones in a loser-leave-town tuxedo match, checks his flight information before leaving Charlotte, North Carolina, for Memphis, Tennessee.

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Ratings are based on won-lost records for the past month, quality of opposition, and the inherent skill of each wrestler. These ratings are compiled by the editors and are universally recognized as official.

Hulk Hogan

TOP 10

1—RIC FLAIR
243, Minneapolis, MN
2—RICK MARTEL
236, Quebec City, Quebec
3—DUSTY RHODES
302, Austin, TX
4—HULK HOGAN
305, Venice Beach, CA
5—KERRY VON ERICH
260, Denton, TX
6—WAHOO McDANIEL
260, Midland, TX
7—GREG VALENTINE
243, Seattle, WA
8—RONNIE GARVIN
231, Montreal, Quebec
9—BILLY JACK
245, Portland, OR
10—JIM GARVIN
235, Tampa, FL

TAG TEAMS

1—THE ROAD WARRIORS
AWA World tag team champions
Combined weight: 567 pounds
2—DUSTY RHODES & MANNY FERNANDEZ
NWA World tag team champions
Combined weight: 565 pounds
3—DICK MURDOCH & ADRIAN ADONIS
WWF tag team champions
Combined weight: 521 pounds
4—STEVE KEIRN & STAN LANE
No. 1 contenders for AWA tag team title
Combined weight: 479 pounds
5—TOMMY ROGERS & BOBBY FULTON
World Class tag team champions
Combined weight: 462 pounds
6—SCOTT & BILL IRWIN
National tag team champions
Combined weight: 539 pounds
7—RON BASS & BLACK BART
Mid-Atlantic tag team champions
Combined weight: 546 pounds
8—TED DiBIASE & HERCULES HERNANDEZ
Mid-South tag team champions
Combined weight: 522 pounds
9—KRUSHER KHRUSHCHEV & JIM NEIDHARDT
U.S. tag team champions
Combined weight: 551 pounds
10—JACK & JERRY BRISCO
No. 1 contenders for WWF tag team title
Combined weight: 455 pounds

NWA and AWA ratings are compiled with the assistance of wrestlers, promoters, and reporters. "Most Popular" and "Most Hated" ratings are based on nationwide surveys of wrestling fans and on mail that comes to our offices.

NWA

World Champion:
RIC FLAIR
243, Minneapolis, MN
1—WAHOO McDANIEL
260, Midland, TX
2—CRUSHER BLACKWELL
474, Stone Mountain, GA
3—DUSTY RHODES
302, Austin, TX
4—KERRY VON ERICH
260, Denton, TX
5—RONNIE GARVIN
231, Montreal, Quebec
6—JESSE BARR
243, Portland, OR
7—COWBOY RON BASS
265, Pampa, TX
8—BILLY JACK
245, Portland, OR
9—PEZ WHATLEY
238, El Paso, TX
10—TULLY BLANCHARD
235, San Antonio, TX

AWA

World Champion:
RICK MARTEL
236, Quebec City, Quebec
1—JIM GARVIN
235, Tampa, FL
2—NICK BOCKWINKEL
245, Beverly Hills, CA
3—BILLY ROBINSON
246, Manchester, England
4—MR. SAITO
247, Osaka, Japan
5—BRAD RHEINGANS
248, Appleton, MN
6—CRUSHER BLACKWELL
474, Stone Mountain, GA
7—JIM BRUNZELL
225, Minneapolis, MN
8—KING KONG BUNDY
446, Atlantic City, NJ
9—CURT HENNIG
235, Robbinsdale, MN
10—GREG GAGNE
220, Robbinsdale, MN

MOST POPULAR

1—KERRY VON ERICH
260, Denton, TX
2—DUSTY RHODES
302, Austin, TX
3—HULK HOGAN
305, Venice Beach, CA
4—KEVIN VON ERICH
239, Denton, TX
5—RICK MARTEL
236, Quebec City, Quebec
6—TOMMY RICH
248, Hendersonville, TN
7—SGT. SLAUGHTER
310, Parris Island, SC
8—MAGNUM T.A.
245, Chesapeake, VA
9—BILLY JACK
245, Portland, OR
10—THE TONGA KID
226, Tonga

MOST HATED

1—CHRIS ADAMS
225, Stratford, England
2—RODDY PIPER
231, Scotland
3—GREG VALENTINE
243, Seattle, WA
4—WAHOO McDANIEL
260, Midland, TX
5—GINO HERNANDEZ
224, Houston, TX
6—NIKOLAI VOLKOFF
345, Siberia, Russia
7—TED DiBIASE
247, Omaha, NB
8—TULLY BLANCHARD
235, San Antonio, TX
9—JESSE BARR
243, Portland, OR
10—RIP OLIVER
245, Tampa, FL

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Below are the ratings for the top regional wrestling areas of the country. These ratings are based on nationwide surveys of wrestlers, promoters, and reporters.

WWF

Champion:
HULK HOGAN
305, Venice Beach, CA

1—**GREG VALENTINE** *243, Seattle, WA*
2—**JOHN STUDD** *364, Washington, DC*
3—**TITO SANTANA** *245, Mission, TX*
4—**KEN PATERA** *256, Portland, OR*
5—**SGT. SLAUGHTER** *310, Parris Island, SC*
6—**NIKOLAI VOLKOFF** *345, Siberia, Russia*
7—**JIMMY SNUKA** *250, Fiji Islands*
8—**THE IRON SHEIK** *262, Teheran, Iran*
9—**BARRY WINDHAM** *248, Sweetwater, TX*
10—**THE TONGA KID** *226, Tonga*

GEORGIA

1—**RONNIE GARVIN** *231, Montreal, Quebec*
2—**WAHOO McDANIEL** *260, Midland, TX*
3—**TOMMY RICH** *248, Hendersonville, TN*
4—**JERRY LAWLER** *234, Memphis, TN*
5—**IRON MIKE SHARPE** *271, Winnepeg, Manitoba*
6—**BOB ROOP** *273, Tampa, FL*
7—**OLE ANDERSON** *256, Minneapolis, MN*
8—**JERRY OATES** *247, Columbus, GA*
9—**ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER** *360, Sudan*
10—**OX BAKER** *313, Waterloo, IA*

WORLD CLASS

1—**KERRY VON ERICH** *260, Denton, TX*
2—**GINO HERNANDEZ** *224, Houston, TX*
3—**CHRIS ADAMS** *225, Stratford, England*
4—**KEVIN VON ERICH** *239, Denton, TX*
5—**MIKE VON ERICH** *220, Denton, TX*
6—**TERRY GORDY** *289, Chatanooga, TN*
7—**JAKE ROBERTS** *243, Baton Rouge, LA*
8—**KILLER KHAN** *312, Mongolia*
9—**BILLY JACK** *245, Portland, OR*
10—**THE MISSING LINK** *273, parts unknown*

MID-ATLANTIC

1—**WAHOO McDANIEL** *260, Midland, TX*
2—**RON BASS** *265, Pampa, TX*
3—**DUSTY RHODES** *302, Austin, TX*
4—**TULLY BLANCHARD** *235, San Antonio, TX*
5—**RICK STEAMBOAT** *238, Honolulu, HI*
6—**IVAN KOLOFF** *230, Moscow, Russia*
7—**NIKITA KOLOFF** *275, Moscow, Russia*
8—**DICK SLATER** *235, Tampa, FL*
9—**MAGNUM T.A.** *245, Chesapeake, VA*
10—**BRIAN ADIDAS** *240, Lake Dallas, TX*

FLORIDA

1—**PEZ WHATLEY** *238, El Paso, TX*
2—**JESSE BARR** *243, Portland, OR*
3—**SCOTT McGHEE** *220, Shipley, England*
4—**DUTCH MANTEL** *242, Bucksnorth, TN*
5—**MICHAEL HAYES** *255, Marietta, GA*
6—**BRIAN BLAIR** *237, Tampa, FL*
7—**MIKE GRAHAM** *229, Tampa, FL*
8—**BOB BACKLUND** *242, Princeton, MN*
9—**BILLY JACK** *245, Portland, OR*
10—**SWEET BROWN SUGAR** *233, Lake Dallas, TX*

MID-SOUTH

1—**BRAD ARMSTRONG** *223, Marietta, GA*
2—**BUTCH REED** *265, Kansas City, MO*
3—**ERNIE LADD** *354, Houston, TX*
4—**TERRY TAYLOR** *219, Vero Beach, FL*
5—**HACKSAW DUGGAN** *280, New York, NY*
6—**TIM HORNER** *235, Morristown, TN*
7—**BUDDY LANDELL** *232, Jacksonville, FL*
8—**TED DiBIASE** *247, Omaha, NB*
9—**STEVE WILLIAMS** *295, Tulsa, OK*
10—**JAKE ROBERTS** *243, Baton Rouge, LA*

MID-SOUTHERN

1—**JERRY LAWLER** *234, Memphis, TN*
2—**EDDIE GILBERT** *222, Lexington, TN*
3—**TOMMY RICH** *248, Hendersonville, TN*
4—**IRON MIKE SHARPE** *271, Winnepeg, Manitoba*
5—**RANDY SAVAGE** *245, Sarasota, FL*
6—**JIMMY VALIANT** *251, New York, NY*
7—**LANNY POFFO** *228, Sarasota, FL*
8—**KORTSIA KORCHENKO** *286, Russia*
9—**RICK RUDE** *246, Robbinsdale, MN*
10—**MASAO ITO** *247, Osaka, Japan*

NORTHWEST

1—**BOBBY JAGGERS** *265, Dunlap, KS*
2—**KENDO NAGASAKI** *248, Singapore*
3—**MIKE MILLER** *260, Memphis, TN*
4—**TOM PRITCHARD** *220, Houston, TX*
5—**JERRY GREY** *241, Tampa, FL*
6—**RIP OLIVER** *245, Tampa, FL*
7—**MATT BORNE** *240, Milwaukie, OR*
8—**ARMANDO GUERRERO** *210, Mexico*
9—**MR. EBONY** *242, parts unknown*
10—**JIMMY AFI** *232, Fiji Islands*

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RATINGS ANALYSIS

Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating more than 150 wrestlers in 14 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important—and respected—ratings system in the sport. This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.

Those lovely ladies: In the past year, women's wrestling has enjoyed a resurgence of popularity among fans from New York to California.

A great deal of this renewed interest has to do with rock star Cyndi Lauper's involvement with Wendi Richter and her coaching of Richter to a World Women's title victory over The Fabulous Moolah last July 23, 1984, in New York's Madison Square Garden. Moolah won the belt in a tournament (defeating Judy Grable in the final round) on September 18, 1956, and successfully defended the title for almost 28 years.

The excitement brought to that match by Lauper's involvement continues to be sustained by Richter's exciting ring style and unique good looks. Her championship reign is being followed closely by wrestling fans everywhere, and her opposition at this time is better than ever: Moolah is seeking and receiving repeated title rematches, and Judy Martin is making a sustained challenge to Richter's championship.

Below are listed the top 10 women wrestlers as determined by a consensus of the editorial board of *The Wrestler.* Richter, rated in the number one spot, is World Women's champion. Desiree Petersen and Velvet McIntyre, rated fourth and fifth, respectively, in these singles ratings, hold the World Women's tag team championship.

Wendi Richter

WORLD WOMEN'S RATINGS

1—WENDI RICHTER
142, Dallas, TX
2—THE FABULOUS MOOLAH
138, Columbia, SC
3—JUDY MARTIN
135, Myrtle Beach, SC
4—DESIREE PETERSEN
136, Copenhagen, Denmark
5—VELVET McINTYRE
135, Dublin, Ireland
6—PENNY MITCHELL
150, Springfield, MO
7—SUSAN STARR
135, Tulsa, OK
8—WENONA LITTLE HEART
134, Phoenix, AZ
9—PEGGY PATTERSON
160, Fresno, CA
10—PEGGY LEE
160, Macon, GA

What they think: On occasion, "Ratings Analysis" will present a section called "What they think," which will feature comments from three wrestlers rated in this issue concerning their place in the ratings.

Jim Garvin: *After not being rated at all in our February issue, Garvin debuted in the AWA ratings in our March issue in the number two spot. This month, Garvin is the number one contender to Rick Martel's AWA World heavyweight title.*

"Well, what else would you expect? After all, I'm the best wrestler in the AWA today, and it's only a matter of time before I have Martel's belt around my waist. 'AWA World champion Gorgeous Jim Garvin'—kind of has a sexy ring to it, don't you think?"

Chris Adams: *In the wake of his violent feud with Kevin Von Erich, Adams is the number one most hated man in professional wrestling for the second month in a row.*

"The reacton of the fans only goes to show how hypocritical they all are. Before, when I was a so-called 'fan favorite,' they cheered my every move. But now, when I'm doing exactly the same thing I've ever done, which is to do everything I can to get an NWA World title match, I'm booed unmercifully. I've always been out to do the absolute best I can, and the fans just can't see that. It's a shame. These Von Erich boys have them all brainwashed."

Ronnie Garvin: *As his National heavyweight title reign continues to grow in stature, Garvin's reputation in the wrestling world continues to improve by leaps and bounds. This month, he is once again rated in the traditional spot for the National heavyweight champion: number one in the Georgia area. He also remains at number five in the NWA ratings, and moves up a notch from nine to eight in the Top 10 category.*

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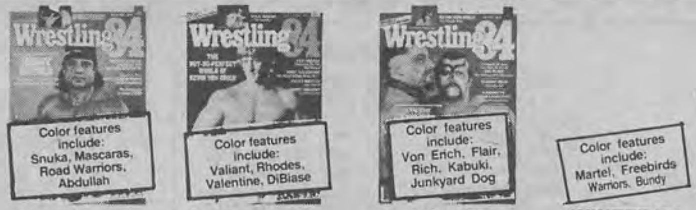

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a "Hotseat" interview in the March 1985 Inside Wrestling, *and in the April 1985* Pro Wrestling Illustrated *in Liz Hunter's "On Assignment" column.]*

THUMBS UP TO TAYLOR

I have been subscribing to your magazine for years, and I enjoy it very much. Your "Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down" is a great column, and I would like to see Terry Taylor in the "Thumbs Up" part. I was at the wrestling matches in Lafayette, Louisiana, recently, and Terry Taylor came out of his dressing room to shake hands and talk to several handicapped children. To see the sparkle in their eyes just made a person feel good. This was done while other matches were going on, and it was just before Taylor's match. The time Terry Taylor took away from himself should be known to the fans. But this is not all. After his match he came back from the dressing room to talk to the children again! I hope to see a "Thumbs Up" for Terry Taylor soon.

Terry Taylor gets a "thumbs up" from reader Veto S. Graffeo for the time he spends with handicapped children.

VETO S. GRAFFEO
Franklin, LA

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DISGUSTED BY DILLON

I have just finished watching "Starrcade '84" and I feel that something should be done about the actions of J.J. Dillon. On Thanksgiving night, Dillon interfered in the tuxedo streetfight between Jimmy Valiant and Paul Jones, struck Valiant with what appeared to be an aerosol can, knocking him unconscious. This allowed Jones the opportunity to pin Valiant and win.

James J. Dillon's interference actually cost Black Bart his match against Manny Fernandez at Starrcade '84.

Dillon was also a great distraction to Dick Slater, who was wrestling Mid-Atlantic heavyweight champion Ron Bass. Dillon threw in cheap shots whenever he could; without this, Slater may have won the title.

I must admit, though, it was nice to see Dillon have his own plans backfire. When Black Bart was reaching out for his bullwhip to use against Manny Fernandez, Fernandez rolled him up for the pin and the brass knuckles title.

I have never seen a manager interfere so blatantly in his men's matches, and that includes Fred Blassie, Capt. Lou Albano, Gen. Skandor Akbar, and Precious Paul Ellering. I feel that the NWA should fine, suspend,

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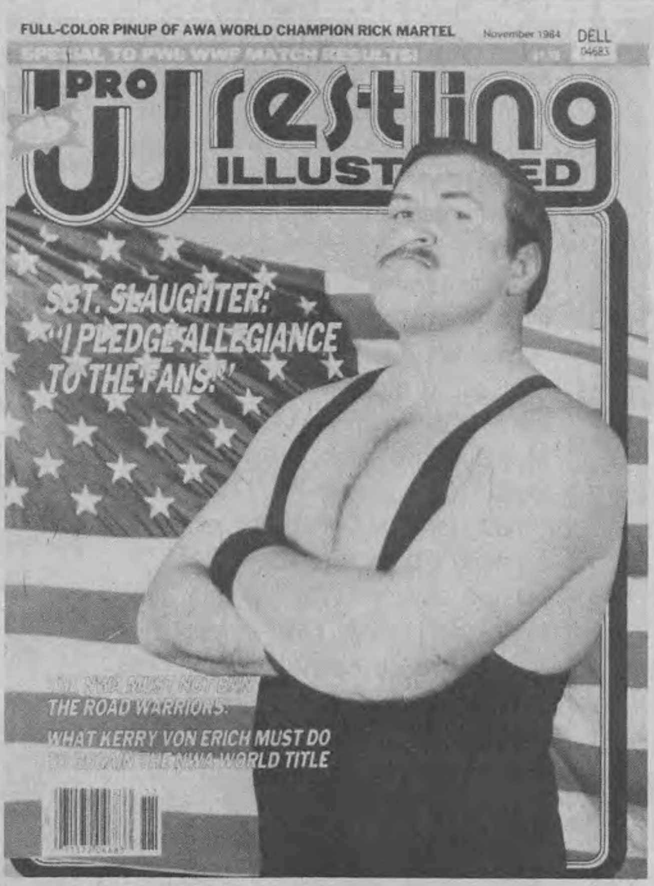

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or even ban Dillon from managing because of his blatant interference.

JOHN GRACE
Belchertown, MA

UNSCHEDULED HAIRCUT

After watching the match on television between Ken Patera and Big John Studd against Andre the Giant and S.D. Jones, and then watching Patera and Studd, with the help of Bobby Heenan, cut Andre's hair while he was out cold made me want to throw up. I was sick. Not even the incident when Ray Stevens piledrived Jimmy Snuka twice on the cement floor got to me this much. I can say this much: When Andre gets a hold of these two men, hell will break loose.

Just look at what happened to Studd in the cage match with Andre: He got destroyed, and at that time Andre didn't even have a reason to hate him. And look at the way Andre handled Killer Khan back when Khan broke Andre's ankle. Have you seen Khan in the WWF since?

I don't think it will be long before Andre goes up against Studd, Patera, and Heenan, and shuts them up for good.

TIM ADAMS
Bath, ME

TOP-NOTCH COVERAGE

I'd like to thank you for your coverage of Ronnie Garvin's National heavyweight title win over Ted DiBiase ("Finally At The Top! Ronnie Garvin Wins The National Heavyweight Title") in your February issue. Ronnie is my favorite wrestler, and I was overjoyed when I heard that he won the title.

Unfortunately, I couldn't be in Baltimore the night Ronnie won the title, but your excellent coverage made me feel like I was there. Your photos of the match were excellent. The photo of Garvin throwing popcorn into DiBiase's eyes was hilarious!

Once again, thank you for your great coverage of the match. Keep up the good work!

STEPHEN CARUSO
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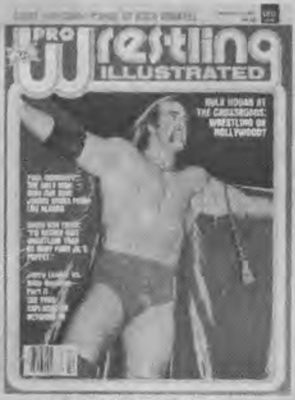

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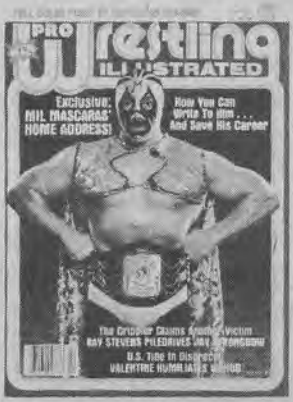

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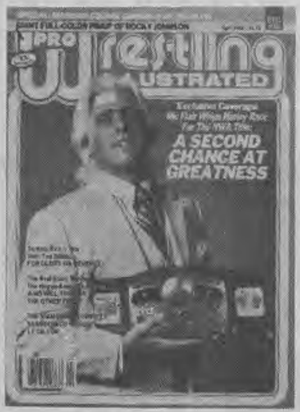

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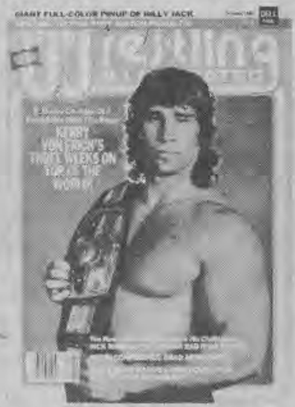

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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ers, and then we'll be looking to prove our superiority to the World Class fans by proving to them what embarrassments their hollow heroes, the **Von Erichs**, actually are."

Missouri heavyweight champion **Crusher Blackwell** won $5,000 in a 20-man battle royal on December 7 in St. Louis; On the same card, **Kerry Von Erich** pinned Blackwell with a rolling reverse cradle in a non-title match ... **The Barbarian** is a new competitor in the Mid-Atlantic area being managed by **Paul Jones**; he previously wrestled in Puerto Rico ... **Brian Blair** has defeated Florida heavyweight champion **Jesse Barr** twice in non-title matches. Now Barr has placed a $10,000 bounty on Blair, and there are reports circulating throughout the Sunshine State that **Rip "The Crippler" Oliver** will be looking to collect that money.

The team of **Ted DiBiase** and **Hercules Hernandez** (who prefers to be known now as "Sheik Hercules Hernandez") defeated **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** for the Mid-South tag team title—but they had a little help from **Buddy Landell**, who interfered in the match and allowed DiBiase to pin **Robert Gibson**. "We're not going to stand for this kind of a decision," said Gibson's tag team partner **Rick Morton**, "and we're filing a protest with Mid-South promoters about the title change. And while we wait for action on that end, we're going to take matters into our own hands—that is, if DiBiase and Hernandez aren't too chicken to sign for a rematch!"

J.J. Dillon, who manages Mid-Atlantic heavyweight champion **Ron Bass** and Mid-Atlantic tag team champions Bass and **Black Bart**, is providing a new definition of the world "embarrassment" in the Carolinas. Following a Mid-Atlantic heavyweight title match between Bass and **Rick Steamboat**, in which Dillon interfered on behalf of his man, Steamboat grabbed Dillon and pulled his trousers down—revealing panty hose and a garter! Dillon's faced flushed red and he retreated to the privacy of his

James J. Dillon leads his Mid-Atlantic champions, Ron Bass and Black Bart, to the dressing room. Is Dillon too embarrassed to look up at the fans? He should be.

dressing room as the fans in attendance laughed wildly. "There's a very simple explanation," Dillon said. "I have a medical problem that demands added support for my leg and back muscles, so my doctor prescribed these particular garments. That's all I'm going to say about the subject, which is now closed."

Is **Bob Backlund's** January 4 match against **Harley Race** in St. Louis a tuneup for a match with NWA World champion **Ric Flair**? "I'd sure like to wrestle Flair in a title match," Backlund said. "It's been a long time since we faced each other in the ring, but I think it would be a great match. Yes, I'm hoping it will happen soon."

Jake Roberts has signed for a series of matches in the Mid-South area . . . **Jerry Lawler** and **Jimmy Valiant** have teamed and are going after **Troy Graham's** Mid-Southern tag team champions, **The Interns** . . . Fans in the WWF are hailing the team of **Jimmy Snuka** and his cousin **The Tonga Kid** as the greatest combination ever to hit the area. Snuka and the Kid are currently engaged in a brutal feud with **Roddy Piper** and **Cowboy Bob Orton**, but we'll bet a series of matches against WWF tag team champions **Adrian Adonis** and **Dick Murdoch** isn't far behind!

Iron Mike Sharpe defeated **Tojo Yamamoto** in a recent match in Memphis in *nine seconds!* . . . It looks like **Sunshine** will be remaining in Texas, though her aunt **Stella Mae French** has left. But Sunshine has a good friend in the World Class area who will do his share to help maintain order throughout the Lone Star state: "The People's Choice," **Billy Jack** . . . Keep an eye on the team of **Steve Constant** and **Tim Ashley**, currently competing in the Mid-Southern area—they should prove to be highly successful in the near future.

And that's what's happening. See you at the matches! □

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THREE STARS

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Ivan Koloff—these are the top men in wrestling today, and one can learn a great deal from watching them. These young men are taking advantage of every opportunity. That's the kind of dedication that takes a man to the top of his field."

Indeed, these three men have many opportunities for self-improvement that their predecessors did not have. Scientific training methods, nutritional education and information that exceeds what was unavailable in the past, plus easy access to match videotapes are giving today's young wrestlers a chance to be better than the generation before them.

"I think we're making a lot of progress, all three of us," Adidas said. "It's happening very fast, maybe too fast. With all the advantages, we're taking leaps and bounds where it used to be one step at a time."

"Sometimes I think that it's coming too fast," Davis said. "We're all rushing to that point that we'll be knowledgeable enough, and we'll be physically ready for the big matches. But can we handle it emotionally? The generation before us, they trudged through years of preliminary matches. But that did some good. They got their heads together during all of that.

"They learned to accept defeat," Davis continued. "There are some kids today who come into wrestling and pile up a decent winning streak, but the second they lose they fall apart. That didn't happen 10 or 20 years ago."

"I can accept the fact that I'm gonna lose my title sooner or later," Brown said, "but I'm not waiting for it to happen. I *have* lost my share of matches. I know what it feels like to lose. And I don't want to lose again. I don't like that feeling."

"Me neither," Adidas said.

"On my list of painful things," Davis said, "I think losing comes right behind . . . "

". . . being a gym teacher?" Brown remarked. □

BILLY JACK

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and champion.

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riors? And how would you handle their manager Precious Paul Ellering?"—Anthony Padilla, San Angelo, TX

A: "Killer Khan and The Missing Link are *the* most devastating tag team in wrestling; that's why they're called Devastation Inc.," Akbar said. "The Road Warriors might be a big, powerful team, but they have one thing that will hamper them in a match against Khan and the Link. They're intelligent, they think for themselves in the ring. And that stops them from being as vicious as they can be, as vicious as Khan and Link are. My team knows just one thing, destruction. They don't think about anything else. In fact, they don't THINK! And as far as Paul Ellering goes, I wouldn't have to handle him. He'd leave ringside with his head bowed and his life destroyed when he saw Animal and Hawk laying in the ring unconscious."

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Q: "For Wahoo McDaniel: What are the chances of you and Paul Jones reforming your once-great partnership? When you two wrestled together, you were unbeatable!"—John Hardin, Kings Mountain, NC

A: "Granted, Paul Jones is a pretty smart guy," McDaniel said. "He managed to get that dirtbag Jimmy Valiant out of the Mid-Atlantic and I have to congratulate him on that. But I'm not gonna be wrestling any tag team matches with the man. First of all, Paul Jones is now a manager, and a very good one. And, I'm the United States heavyweight champion. I don't have the time to be wrestling in tag team matches. My time is too important for that."

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Q: "My question is for Rip Oliver: If you're such a great wrestler, why have you stayed in the Pacific Northwest for your entire career and never wrestled anywhere else?—Randolph Drake, Las Vegas

Although Rip Oliver recently lost the Pacific Northwest belt to Bobby Jaggers, it is Billy Jack he is looking for.

A: "First of all, I have wrestled all over the world," Oliver said. "Second of all, I wrestle in the Pacific Northwest because I like to wrestle here. But now I'm gonna be wrestling in Florida and Texas, too, only because I have to teach a runaway like Billy Jack that he can run away from the Pacific Northwest with his tail between his legs, but he can't run away from his master. I am his master in the ring. I've shown him I'm the better man, and now I'll show all his friends in Texas and Florida, too." □

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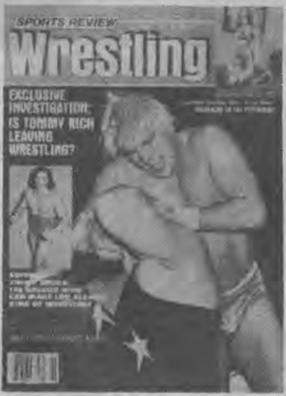

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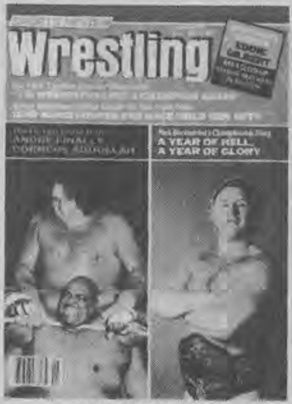

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Beaumont, TX *(Correspondent: Joey Miguez)*—As Rick Morton and Robert Gibson say, "Rock 'n' roll is here to stay." Morton and Gibson, The Rock 'n' Roll Express, defeated Jim Cornette's Midnight Express team of Dennis Condrey and Bobby Eaton in a most unique match. The four men battled on top of a 16-foot high scaffold erected over the ring.

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Cornette's team delayed the start of the bout a number of times, retreating to their side on the scaffold as Morton and Gibson shook the platform they were to wrestle on. Finally, the match got underway, with the Rock 'n' Rollers taking the early advantage.

Eaton kicked Morton below the belt, and then charged Gibson and wrapped him in a full-nelson. Condrey flung a handful of medicated powder at Gibson's face. Gibson ducked, however, and Eaton took the full brunt of the illegal substance.

Morton and Gibson had little trouble knocking a stunned Condrey and a blinded Eaton off the scaffold for the victory.

In other bouts, Hacksaw Duggan and Butch Reed defeated Steve Williams and Ted DiBiase . . . Jose Lothario beat Ernie Ladd . . . Terry Taylor defeated Adrian Street . . . Buddy Landell beat Tim Horner . . . Chavo and Hector Guerrero defeated Dale Veasey and Jack Victory . . . Terry Daniels beat Tony Falk.

Baltimore, MD *(Correspondent: Lawrence McMillan)*—NWA wrestling fans in Baltimore were treated to a World title defense as Ric Flair defended his belt against number five rated National heavyweight champion Ronnie Garvin at the Civic Center. The match ended in a double-countout.

The two wrestlers traded takedowns in the opening minutes with Garvin eventually gaining the advantage by weakening Flair's left arm. Garvin punished the champion's arm with armbars and

Rob Gibson desperately hangs on to the scaffold as Bobby Eaton and Dennis Condrey try knock him off and send him 16 feet down to the ring.

hammerlocks.

Flair staggered Garvin with several chops to the throat, but Garvin retaliated with a chop of his own. The National champion staggered Flair with punches and attempted a backslide, but Flair kicked out before the three-count.

National champion Ronnie Garvin, in his bid to win the NWA World title, hits Ric Flair with a flying bodypress. This action-filled match ended in a double-countout.

Flair then ran into the ropes and attempted a flying bodypress, but Garvin caught him with a right hand on the way. Garvin went for the backslide again, but Flair kicked out as he did the time before.

The two continued to trade pinning combinations and submission holds until the action spilled out onto the arena floor. Garvin smashed Flair's head into the ringpost, and opened a cut above Flair's eye. Finally, the referee called for the bell to end the bout.

In other bouts, Dusty Rhodes, Tommy Rich, and Ole Anderson defeated The Road Warriors and Paul Ellering . . . Jimmy Valiant defeated The New York Assassin . . . The Hollywood Blonds beat Jerry Oates and Frank Lang . . . Ron Ritchie drew with Bob Roop . . . Ron Slinker beat Masao Ito.☐

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SIX-MAN RIOT

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During the riotous six-man match, Hawk traps Rich in a bearhug (above) and Rhodes applies a chinlock against Hawk (below).

sure. The result was this: Unless Ellering consented to the match, the Warriors would face an indefinite ban on being able to wrestle in the state of Maryland.

Ellering consented, and the match was set for the Baltimore Civic Center.

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Watching the two sets of three men standing in their respective corners in Baltimore was akin to being a general on top of a hill and watching two armies down in the valley below preparing to do battle.

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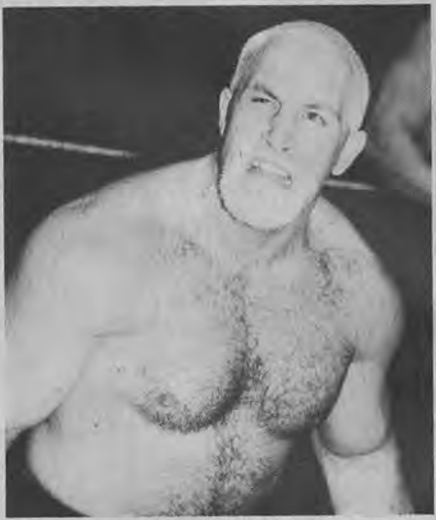

A disgusted-looking Ellering has just been pinned by Rich. Precious Paul does not take kindly to embarrassment.

match became more intense, both sides stepped up their offensive attack.

The Road Warriors' strategy was as you would expect: overwhelm the opposition with pure power. And in many respects they did. Such basic, straightforward maneuvers as elbowsmashes, forearm smashes, and power bodyslams were formidable weapons when executed by Hawk and Animal.

Paul Ellering, the third man in the Warriors' corner, wisely chose to remain out of the action for most of the match. And the strategy of the Warriors' opponents—Dusty Rhodes, Tommy Rich, and Ole Anderson—was to attempt to keep Ellering in the ring for as long as possible. They knew that to pin Ellering would be difficult, but it would be easier than pinning either Hawk or Animal.

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Bodies were tossed about the ring like rag dolls; elbows dug into ribs in an attempt to snap healthy bones in half; fists searched out vulnerable heads, striking out repeatedly in a lust for blood that soon flowed copiously.

Faces grimaced in pain, but each participant in the match refused to acknowledge that pain—the clear objective was to overcome that pain in order to instill even *more* suffering on one's opponent.

And to a certain degree, every one of the six men involved in that match achieved that objective. The total amount of punishment instilled that night in that one match would stagger the mind. And at that point, one has to wonder who is truly the winner: the man who receives punishment, or the man who denies his own suffering in order to punish another man?

In the end, it was Tommy Rich who scored a pinfall over Paul Ellering. But the victory could hardly be termed decisive. The rulebook was obliterated in this match, destroyed to the point of total lack of recognition. After less than 10 seconds, this six-man confrontation could hardly be termed a "wrestling" match.

And while many frustrations and aggressions were worked out in that six-man riot in Baltimore, many still remain. Ellering will not accept a pinfall at the hands of Tommy "Wildfire" Rich, and The Road Warriors will be quick to defend the honor of their manager against not only Rich, but his partners Dusty Rhodes and Ole Anderson.

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Feeling sick today? Plagued by a lot of troublesome illnesses? Perhaps some relative is sick and constantly demanding your attention? Or perhaps it is even a pet that needs help? With the MAGIC POWER OF WITCHCRAFT, you can cure anything, say authors Gavin and Yvonne Frost: "In our experience . . . we have not found a single incurable disease!"

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• **MAKE TIME RUN BACKWARD OR FORWARD!**—A Witch uses ancient methods to make time stand still or to run it backward or forward! To make your face look young or old at will, all you need is some morning dew, and the instructions on page 27. You can fly through time and space, on astral wings, go anywhere, do anything, with the simple method on page 126. You can visit a friend, look in on an acquaintance and see what he is doing—even appear in someone's dreams, and convince that person to do whatever you wish!

• **SECRETS OF SILENT PERSUASION!**—There is a magic handshake that Witches often use, revealed on page 62. With this secret, you can implant a thought in someone's mind! You can use this Witchcraft power to dominate others! Control your boss! Make someone love you! Leave your enemies groveling in the dust! There is even a gazing technique Witches use on page 45, for identical thoughts. With this secret, you can read your friend's mind and share his or her identical thoughts!

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• **THE WITCH'S MONEY MAGNET!**—You'll see how to magnetize a dollar bill so that it multiples! All you need to make your own Witch's Money Magnet is a dollar bill, a green candle, and the words on page 38. Once you do this, your dollar will double and keep doubling! You'll enjoy glittering luxuries, and start living like a millionaire, as Witches do!

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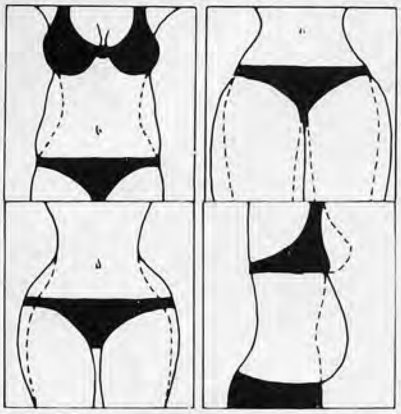

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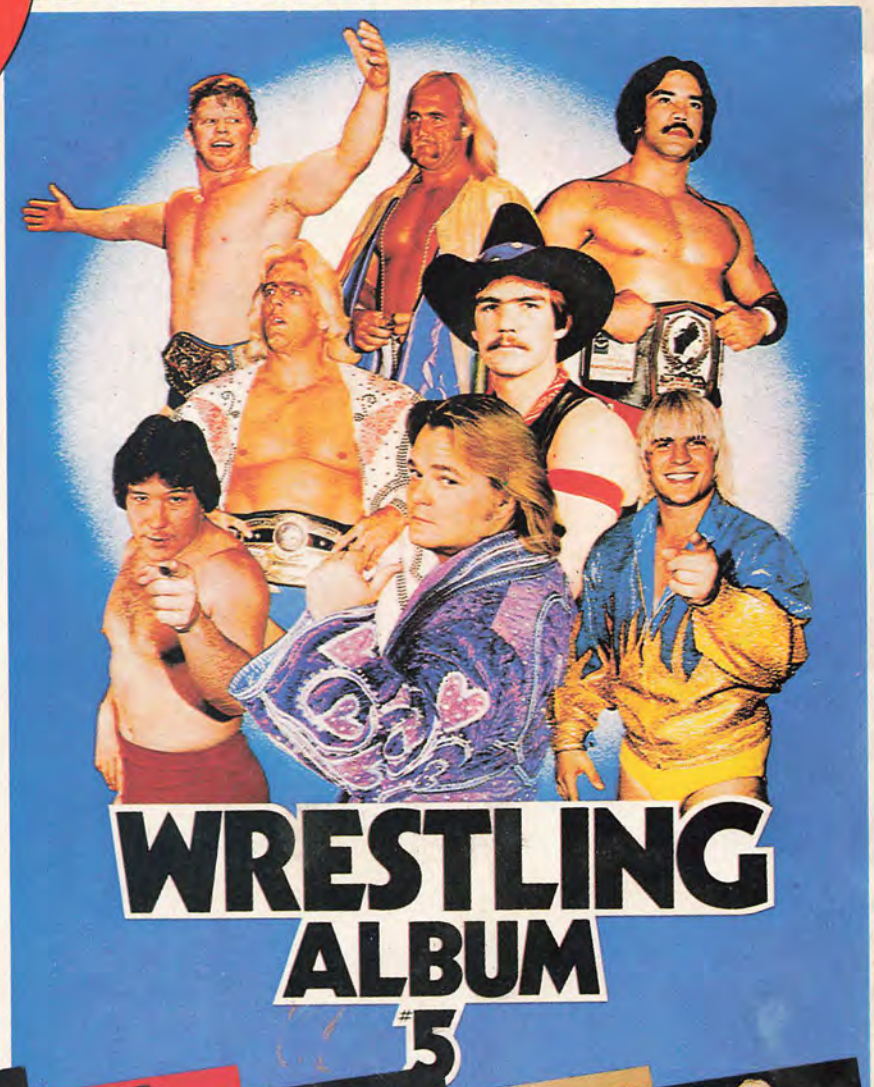

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